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1. Rationale

The Lakehead District School Board (LDSB) is committed to maintaining safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environments for all students and staff. In limited circumstances, where a student's presence would be detrimental to the physical or mental well-being of pupils, principals are authorized under section 265(1)(m) of the Education Act to temporarily refuse admission to a school or classroom.

This administrative policy establishes the Board's commitment to ensuring that the use of student exclusion is safety-based, non-disciplinary, and applied in a manner that supports student well-being, continued access to education, and safe reintegration into the school environment.

2. Policy

It is the policy of the Lakehead District School Board that student exclusion under section 265(1)(m) of the Education Act:

- is a safety-based, non-disciplinary measure;
- is used only as a measure of last resort;
- is time-limited and subject to review;
- is distinct from suspension or expulsion; and
- is implemented in a manner that is fair, equitable, trauma-informed, and consistent with human rights and duty-to-accommodate obligations.

3. Guiding Principles

The application of this policy shall be guided by the following principles:

- the safety of students, staff, and the school community is paramount;
- decisions are individualized, proportionate, and responsive to the specific safety concern;
- exclusion is used only when less restrictive measures are insufficient;
- students will continue to have access to educational programming during any period of exclusion; and
- collaboration with parents/guardians/caregivers and community partners supports for safe reintegration.

4. Application and Scope

This administrative Policy applies to all LDSB schools and guides administrative decision-making related to student exclusion under section 265(1)(m) of the Education Act.

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5. Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 The director of education is responsible for:

- the implementation and monitoring of 8093 Student Exclusion Policy in accordance with legislative requirements, Ministry direction, and LDSB values.

5.2 Senior administration is responsible for:

- monitoring the use of student exclusions for consistency, equity, and compliance;
- supporting principals in the appropriate application of this policy; and
- ensuring alignment with human rights and duty-to-accommodate obligations.

6. Review

This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with 2010 Policy Development and Review Policy to ensure continued relevance, effectiveness, and compliance with legislative and Ministry requirements.

| <u>Cross Reference</u> | <u>Date Approved</u> | <u>Legal Reference</u> |
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| 8093 Student Exclusion Procedures | March 3, 2026 | Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.2, sections 265(1)(m) and 266 |
| 8070 Safe Schools – System Expectations Policy and Procedures | <u>Date Revised</u> | Policy/Program Memorandum No. 145 – Progressive Discipline and Promoting Positive Student Behaviour |
| 5010 Special Education Policy and Procedures | | Ontario Human Rights Code |
| 7030 Human Rights and Workplace Harassment Policy and Procedures | | Ontario Student Record (OSR) Guideline |
| 1020 Equity and Inclusive Education Policy and Procedures | | |