

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE FOR STUDENT

WHAT IS A DISCIPLINARY CHANGE OF PLACEMENT?



REMOVAL FROM THE CURRENT EDUCATIONAL PLACEMENT FOR MORE THAN 10 SCHOOL DAYS



INFORMAL REMOVALS OR "OFF THE BOOKS" SUSPENSIONS AS A RESULT OF BEHAVIOR

WHAT DISCIPLINARY CHANGE OF PLACEMENT CAN LOOK LIKE:

- out of school for more than 10 school days **in a row**;
- out of school for more than 10 school days **spread out over time** (but behavior and other factors are similar);
- **in-school suspensions** equaling more than 10 days, which cause the student to
 - not meet IEP goals;
 - not progress in school; or
 - not receive the special education or related services in their IEP;
- removal from **transportation** which results in the student missing school for more than 10 days; or
- suspension, expulsion and informal removal

EXAMPLES OF INFORMAL REMOVAL DUE TO BEHAVIOR

Shortened School Days: Student is sent home at a fixed time every day, which is earlier than when the school day actually ends.

Sent Home: Student is sent home frequently in the middle of the school day (does not happen every day, but happens often enough to cause harm).

Homebound Instruction: Student is placed on homebound, due to behavior, and generally receives less than 10 hours of education per week.

Virtual/Remote Instruction: Student is placed on virtual or remote instructions due to behavior, even though other students have returned to in-person learning.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES HAVE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS WHEN FACING SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND DISCIPLINARY CHANGES OF PLACEMENT.

THIS APPLIES TO STUDENTS WITH AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM ("IEP") OR 504 PLAN; OR WHO THE SCHOOL HAD "KNOWLEDGE" THAT THE STUDENT IS SUSPECTED OF HAVING A DISABILITY.

TIPS FOR HANDLING INFORMAL REMOVALS



- Ask for the District Code of Conduct
- Ask for an IEP meeting
- Ask for an Manifestation Determination Review
- Tell the school that you are not going to pick up your child or that they need to code the early pick up as a suspension

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY CHILD'S SERVICES DURING THE REMOVAL PERIOD?

If a student has been removed for **10 school days or less** during the school year, the school does not have to provide services to the student unless it also provides services to students without disabilities who are removed for 10 days or less during the school year. The LEA provides services to students without disabilities removed for fewer than 10 days during a school year

If student has been removed for **more than 10 school days** in the same school year, the school MUST provide services to your student during any additional days of removal so they can:

- Participate in the general education curriculum; and
- Progress toward meeting the goals in their IEP

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