

# — KNOW YOUR RIGHTS —

## Expulsions

### What is an expulsion?

An expulsion is when a school district prevents a student from attending traditional schools in that particular district.



### What are the consequences of getting expelled?

Expulsion from school has many negative effects, including:

- Falling behind in coursework
- School failure
- Grade retention
- Greater likelihood of dropping out
- Can affect college admission

### What offenses can lead to an expulsion?

The California Education Code limits the behaviors for which a student can be expelled. Among these offenses are:

- Causing physical injury
- Possession of a weapon
- Possession or sale of a controlled substance
- Theft or robbery
- Damage to school property
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Sexual assault or battery
- Hazing or bullying
- Terroristic threats

### What are your rights during and after expulsion?

- Right to an expulsion hearing within 30 days
- Right to a district-provided education program before your hearing
- Right to written notice of hearing date 10 days before
- Right to inspect district's evidence & question witnesses
- Right to bring a lawyer
- Right to present evidence & call witnesses
- Right to a written final decision
- Right to an appeal
- Right to return to school if you win your hearing



# Expulsion Process Timeline

