

— KNOW YOUR RIGHTS —

Expulsions

What is an expulsion?

An expulsion occurs when a district removes a student from their regular education setting due to a violation of school rules or policies.



What are the consequences of getting expelled?

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

What offenses can lead to expulsion?

The Education Code limits the behaviors for which students can be expelled.

Among these offenses are:

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

What are your rights during and after expulsion?

- Right to an expulsion hearing within 30 days
- Right to postpone an expulsion hearing up to 30 days to have more time to prepare
- 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

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Expulsion Process Timeline

