



TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS

Appealing Long-Term Suspension or Expulsion Decision

Georgia law allows you to appeal long-term suspensions and expulsions imposed by a disciplinary hearing officer, panel or tribunal. This Tip Sheet walks you through the timeline and rights associated with each phase of the process to overturn an unfavorable decision.

Tip 1: Deliver your appeal in person when possible. There are strict deadlines to submit documents before each court or board, so by handing your appeal off to the correct person, you guarantee that you will not forfeit the opportunity to present your case.

Tip 2: Request a temporary suspension of the school's disciplinary decision. Georgia law allows a school district superintendent to suspend disciplinary action pending the outcome of an appeal to the local board of education.

Tip 3: Advocate for your child by contacting the District Superintendent to ask for an opportunity to speak at the Local School Board meeting about your appeal. Some school districts will allow you to speak at the meeting where your appeal will be considered.

Tip 4: For assistance with school suspensions and expulsion matters contact:

Georgia Legal Services (404) 206-5175; Parent to Parent of Georgia (770) 458-4091; NAACP (404)577-8977; AVLf (404) 521-521-0790; Gwinnett SToPP <https://www.gwinnettstopp.org/about-us/contact-us/>; Georgia Coalition for Equity in Education leslie@lipsonadvocacy.com; or the GA Appleseed toolkit <https://gaappleseed.org/initiatives/toolkit>

