

Hancock County Board of Education

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1 Before school authorities administer disciplinary measures, reasonable inquiry shall be made to
 2 determine the truth of what happened.¹ The nature of this inquiry will vary in degree with the
 3 seriousness of the offense and the consequence attached thereto.²

4 For minor offenses where corrective measures are taken by the classroom teacher, no formal procedure
 5 is required. An inquiry into the incident to ensure that the offender is accurately identified, that he
 6 understands the nature of the offense, and that he/she knew the consequences of the offense for which
 7 he is accused.

8 In case of severe offenses where there is a possibility of suspension, the student shall be advised of the
 9 nature of his/her misconduct, questioned about it, and allowed to give an explanation.

10 If the principal determines that the offense is of such nature that the student's continued presence
 11 would be detrimental to the school or persons within the school, he/she shall refer the case to the
 12 disciplinary hearing authority.³

Legal References

1. *Ingraham v. Wright*, 430 U.S. 651 (1977)
2. *Goss v. Lopez*, 410 U.S. 565, (1975)
3. TCA 49-6-3401(c)(4)(A)

Cross References

- Interrogations and Searches 6.303
 Discipline Procedures 6.313
 Disciplinary Hearing Authority 6.317