

Van Buren County Board of Education

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

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

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

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

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34 Legal References:

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

Cross References:

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

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