

# Lakeland Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in April</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Procedural Due Process</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>6.302</b>	Issued Date: <b>05/12/14</b>
		Rescinds:	Issued:

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

4 For minor offenses where corrective measures are taken by the classroom teacher, no formal procedure  
5 is required.

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

8 If the principal determines that the offense is of such nature that the student's continued presence  
9 would be detrimental to the school or persons within the school, he/she may suspend the student. If the  
10 suspension is for more than ten (10) days, the principal or designee shall immediately give written or  
11 actual notice to the parent or guardian and the student of the right to appeal the decision to suspend to  
12 the discipline hearing authority.<sup>3</sup>

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#### 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)

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#### Cross References

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