

# Hardeman County Board of Education

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1 Before school authorities administer disciplinary measures, reasonable inquiry shall be made to determine  
2 what happened.<sup>1</sup> The nature of this inquiry will vary in degree with the seriousness of the offense and  
3 the consequence attached thereto.<sup>2</sup>  
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5 For minor offenses where corrective measures are taken by the classroom teacher, no formal procedure  
6 is required. An inquiry into the incident to ensure that the offender is accurately identified, that he  
7 understands the nature of the offense, and that he/she knew the consequences of the offense for which  
8 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 the  
11 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 would  
14 be detrimental to the school or persons within the school, he/she shall refer the case to the disciplinary  
15 hearing authority<sup>3</sup> when the student has been suspended more than ten (10) school days.  
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36 Legal References:

- 37 1. *Ingraham v. Wright*, 430 U.S. 651 (1977)  
38 2. *Goss v. Lopez*, 410 U.S. 565, (1975)  
39 3. TCA 49-6-3401  
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Cross References:

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