

The constitutional rights of individuals assure the protection of due process of law; therefore, this system of constitutionally and legally sound procedures is developed with regard to the administration of discipline in schools.

- 1 The hallmark of the exercise of disciplinary authority shall be fairness.
- 2 Reasonable efforts shall be made by administrators and faculty members to resolve problems through effective utilization of school district resources, in cooperation with the student and his parent or guardian.
- 3 A student shall be given an opportunity to contest any alleged facts leading to disciplinary action, or to contest the appropriateness of the sanction imposed by a disciplinary authority, or to alleged prejudice or unfairness on the part of the school district official responsible for the disciplinary action.
- 4 A student grievance procedure shall be as follows:
  - A) Should the student wish to contest the disciplinary action, he/she will be given the opportunity to present their case in person or in writing, at their choice, to the next higher authority.
  - B) At each level of approval, the student is entitled to present arguments and evidence in his behalf and to have parents, guardians or some representative or advisor at the hearing.

LEGAL REFS: C.R.S. 22-33-104 through 22-33-109

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