

**DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Student Code of Conduct**  
**Rights of Students and Parents**

You are in receipt of this document because your son/daughter has been removed from school under a charge of unacceptable conduct. Below is a list of students' rights the District is expected to follow during and after a suspension.

1. A student will be given the opportunity to receive make-up for missed assignments that occurred as a result of a Short Term Suspension, Long Term Suspension, Administrative Transfer or Expulsion Review.
2. A student charged with an expulsion offense is entitled to make-up work until a decision is reached by the Expulsion Hearing Officer.
3. Students are entitled to take required examinations when an incident occurs that requires disciplinary action. Parents must contact the principal or the Constellation Student Code of Conduct Supervisor to make arrangements for testing.
4. School officials will inform the student orally and in writing of the charges against him/her, including the basis (evidence) for such charges.
5. When a student is suspended, a disciplinary hearing will be held at the school.
6. If the parent/guardian cancels the appointment, the school principal must reschedule the hearing date one time.
7. Parents may be represented by an advisor of their choice.
8. While parents do not have the right to confront witnesses, they may request for school officials to present questions, on their behalf, to the witnesses.
9. At the hearing, the student and the parents are to be fully informed concerning the alleged breach in behavior. After this, the student must be afforded the opportunity to present his/her side.
10. If the charges are substantiated at the school level hearing, the parent has the right to appeal the charges to the Constellation Code of Conduct Supervisor for a Short Term Suspension, Long Term Suspension or an Administrative Transfer.
11. A parent or student may not appeal a decision of the principal to suspend a student pending an expulsion review.
12. Students have the right to petition for readmission after expulsion.
13. If a student with a disability is suspended beyond the initial total of 10 days, the school determines whether the behavior is a manifestation of the student's disability.
14. The Student Code of Conduct Office must expunge any student's unsubstantiated charge placed on the District's database.

If additional information is needed regarding your son's/daughter's suspension, please refer to the Student Code of Conduct or contact the Student Code of Conduct Office.