

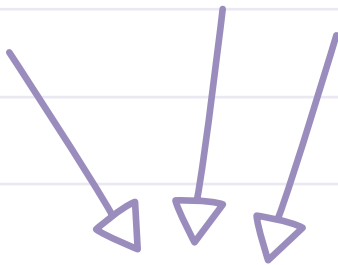
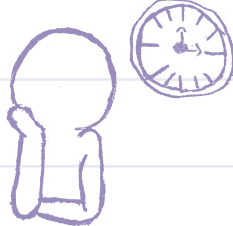
Student Suspension Rights in Maryland

Suspended?!

Can I be suspended for that?!

You cannot be suspended for:

- Cutting class
- Being late
- Not having a uniform



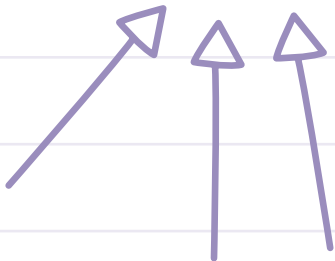
Suspension Key

Short term 1-3 days

Long term 4-10 days

Extended 11-44 days

Expelled 45 days or longer



Did you know? (Fun Facts)

- Your school should use suspension as a last resort.
- You should not be told to go home or stay home without a formal suspension.
- You should not be removed from school for more than 10 days unless the school proves that keeping you in school would create an "imminent threat of serious harm" or that you caused a "chronic and extreme disruption."
- If you have a disability, you cannot be suspended for more than 10 days for behavior related to your disability (such as a learning or emotional disability.)

Here's how to advocate for yourself:



STEP ONE: Stay calm. Take a deep breath. It may seem overwhelming, but you can get through this!



STEP TWO: Ask for a suspension letter explaining why you are being suspended and when you can return to school.



STEP THREE: Ask for a suspension conference with the principal, your parents or guardians, and other important school staff to explain why you should not be suspended.



STEP FOUR: If your school is proposing a suspension for more than 10 school days, prepare for and attend a **conference** with a representative of the superintendent.

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