

## Discipline in New Mexico & Gallup-McKinley County Schools



**Schools in New Mexico have to tell parents when they punish students.**

**Students can't be kicked out of school for more than 10 days without a hearing.**

- The school has to tell parents there will be a hearing, which is a meeting.
  - Families in Gallup-McKinley County Schools can call 505-721-1074 to reschedule.
- If you don't go, the school district can still punish the student.

**At the meeting, you can:**

- Bring a lawyer. (You have to tell the school three days before the meeting.)
- Tell your side of the story and show evidence.
- Ask for a translator. You do not have to pay money for this.

**Students with IEPs can't be kicked out for more than 10 days if:**

- The student broke a rule because of their disability.
- The student broke a rule because the school did not follow their IEP.

The school needs to keep teaching suspended students who have disabilities.

**You can complain.** You can report discrimination to the federal government at [OCR@ed.gov](mailto:OCR@ed.gov) or contact the state at [dispute.resolution@ped.nm.gov](mailto:dispute.resolution@ped.nm.gov) for special education.

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