

Parent Participation in Disciplinary Action

A parent (including a guardian and custodian) of a dependent student shall be required to participate in any disciplinary action authorized under the Student Due Process Code, I.C. 20-8.1-5.1, as well as the student discipline handbook of this school corporation, at the discretion of and upon proper notice by a school official.

Parent participation includes, but is not limited to, meetings, conferences, hearings, supervising after-school-home-study time, reviewing homework, and assuring regular school attendance and attendance after school if necessary.

Wherein a school official deems it necessary to require parent participation to resolve behavioral problems of a student, the parent shall be notified in one of the following ways:

- 1) Telephone contact by a school official at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting, conference or hearing, followed by a letter of confirmation by regular or certified mail; or
- 2) Personal delivery of written notice of the required attendance at the meeting, conference or hearing by a school official at least three (3) days beforehand.

Wherein a school official decides it is necessary to contact police officers, not on duty as employees of the Lafayette School Corporation, to question an enrolled student 18 years of age or older on school property who is suspected of committing a crime, the school principal or designee shall notify the student's parent or guardian immediately. If immediate notification is not possible, the school principal, or designee, shall notify the parent or guardian within 12 hours after the questioning has occurred. Parents are not required to be present at the questioning of the student.

Within three (3) days of receipt of the notification by a school official of a meeting, conference or hearing to resolve a behavioral problem of a student, the parent (including a guardian and custodian) must notify the school official of their participation in the meeting, conference or hearing.

Upon receipt of proper notice, any parent, guardian or custodian who fails to comply with the requirements of a school official to participate in the resolution of behavioral problems of a student whose conduct is repeatedly disruptive to the student's own educational progress or to the progress of others may be referred to the Child Protective Services Division of Public Welfare and the child may be considered to be a "child in need of services" in accordance with I.C. 31-6-4-3 (a) (7).

The superintendent, principal or other administrative official shall be authorized upon receipt of parental (including guardian and custodian) consent, to require the student to participate in behavioral testing, counseling, or drug or alcohol abuse evaluation by a licensed agency if such testing, counseling or evaluation is reasonably necessary to help any student to further school purposes or to prevent an interference with school purposes. The cost of these services shall be the responsibility of the parent (including guardian and custodian).

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I.C. 31-6-4-3 (a) (7)

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