

Bartlett City Board of Education		6037
Descriptor Term: PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS	Descriptor Code: Student Services	Issue Date: 07/24/2014
	Rescinds:	Revised:

- 1 Before school authorities administer disciplinary measures, reasonable inquiry shall
- 2 be made to determine the truth of what happened.¹ The nature of this inquiry will vary
- 3 in degree with the seriousness of the offense and the consequence attached thereto.²
- 4 For minor offenses where corrective measures are taken by the classroom teacher, no
- 5 formal procedure is required. An inquiry into the incident should be conducted to ensure
- 6 that the offender is accurately identified, that he understands the nature of the offense,
- 7 and that he/she knew the consequences of the offense for which he is accused.
- 8 In case of severe offenses where there is a possibility of suspension, the student shall be
- 9 advised of the nature of his/her misconduct, questioned about it, and allowed to give an
- 10 explanation.
- 11 If the principal determines that the offense is of such nature that the student's continued
- 12 presence would be detrimental to the school or persons within the school, he/she shall
- 13 refer the case to the disciplinary hearing authority.³

¹ *Ingraham v. Wright*, 430 U.S. 651 (1977)

² *Goss v. Lopez*, 410 U.S. 565 (1975)

³ T.C.A. §49-6-3401(c)(4)(A)