

DUE PROCESS

The Morehouse Parish School Board mandates that all students shall be treated fairly and honestly in resolving grievances, complaints, or in the consideration of any suspension or expulsion. Due process shall be defined as fair and reasonable approaches to all areas of student grievance and discipline on the part of all school officials in order not to arbitrarily deny a student the benefits of the instructional process.

Due process requires, at a minimum, the school administration to impose fundamentally fair procedures to determine whether misconduct or other improper action has occurred before any disciplinary action may be taken by the school administration, except in the case of imminent danger or disruption of the academic process. In these instances, proper procedures shall be put into effect as soon as removal of the student has occurred.

The degree of procedural due process afforded in any disciplinary situation shall be dependent upon two factors: (1) the gravity of the offense a student is alleged to have committed; and (2) the severity of the contemplated penalty.

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Ref: U.S. Constitution, Amend. XIII; U.S. Constitution, Amend. XIV, Sec. 1; Ingraham v. Wright, 97 S. Ct. 1401 (1977); Goss v. Lopez, 95 S. Ct. 729 (1975); Carey v. Piphus, 98 S. Ct. 1042 (1978); Board minutes, 6-3-25.