

WHAT IS SB100?



SB 100 is a state law, effective September 15, 2016, that applies to all publicly funded schools (including charter schools) in Illinois. Students across the state helped write and fight for SB 100 so that schools would be more supportive of students by only using suspensions/expulsions as a last resort.

WHY IS SB100 IMPORTANT?

Illinois ranks the highest in the entire country in suspensions of Black students. During the 2013-2014 school year, students lost over a million school days due to disciplinary actions! In fact, students who are suspended/ expelled are more likely to repeat a grade, drop out, or have contact with the juvenile justice system.

HOW DOES SB100 AFFECT YOU & YOUR SCHOOL?

NO MORE ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICIES!

School administrators can't require suspension or expulsion for certain offenses, unless required by federal/ state law.

PROHIBITS DISCIPLINARY FINES AND FEES!

Schools can't impose a fine as a disciplinary consequence unless it's for restitution for lost, stolen, or damaged property.

NO COUNSELING OUT!

Staff can't encourage students to drop out for behavioral or academic reasons.

THE NEW PROCESS FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS (OSS)

OSS of 3 days or less are only allowed if the student's presence in the school would pose a threat to school safety or be a disruption to other's learning opportunities.

OSS of 4 days or more, unless otherwise specified, can only be used if appropriate and available disciplinary and behavioral interventions have been exhausted AND the student's poses a threat to school safety OR substantially disrupts school operations.

Suspensions must be reported immediately to parents, along with written notice of a full statement of the reason, right to review, and the support services that will be provided to the student. If the student has an IEP, 504 plan, is being evaluated, or may have a disability, schools must follow the additional procedures in the Code of Conduct.

THE NEW PROCESS FOR EXPULSIONS

Students must be provided with a notice of an expulsion hearing (with the time, place, purpose, and your right to bring an attorney listed) by registered or certified mail. Your school needs to notify parents of the expulsion decision and give them an opportunity to get a copy of the decision.

AS A STUDENT, YOU HAVE RIGHTS!

EVEN IF YOU'RE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL, YOUR SCHOOL STILL NEEDS TO:

- Provide appropriate and available support services to students with OSS of 4 days or more, during their suspension.
- Give students the opportunity to make up work for equivalent academic credit.
- Have a re-engagement policy to support students who are suspended out-of-school, expelled, or returning from an alternative school setting.
- Limit the use of suspension and expulsion to the greatest extent practicable. Example strategies include restorative justice approaches, classroom-based interventions, referrals to appropriate service providers, etc.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS/SUPPORT:

Suspensions? Contact Stand Up For Each Other (SUFE0)
at (773) 800-0338

Expulsions? Contact Chicago Lawyers' Committee for
Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. (CLC) at
(312) 630-9744

Want to get involved with VOYCE? Contact Maria Degillo
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