

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



IN SCHOOLS

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS at school

You have the right to learn in a safe, supportive, and nondiscriminatory environment.

Searches: School staff may search you or your belongings when they have a reasonable basis. You can ask what they are looking for and why.

Discipline: If accused of breaking a rule, you have the right to know what you are accused of and explain your side.

Disability: If you have an IEP or 504 Plan, you have rights to accommodations and additional protections.

Bullying & harassment: Tell a trusted adult and document what happened. You have the right to report concerns about bullying, discrimination, or harassment.

Your records: You and your parent/guardian have rights related to your education records. Some rights transfer to you at age 18.

WHAT TO SAY

"What rule did I break?"

"Can I explain what happened?"

"Can I talk to my parent, guardian, counselor, or another trusted adult?"

"What are my options if I disagree with this decision?"



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