



# MNPS Expulsion Appeals

This process applies to students who attend traditional MNPS schools and charter schools within MNPS's district. It does not apply to schools authorized by the Tennessee Public Charter School Commission.



**If your child is expelled**, the school must investigate and notify you and your child of the offense(s) committed. The school must give you written or actual notice of your right to appeal the expulsion.

- Every offense is assigned a behavior code, definition, and response level from the [MNPS Discipline Table](#).
- Students with disabilities may not be expelled without the school first holding a Manifestation Determination Meeting.

## Appeal Process:

- If you choose to appeal an expulsion, you must request the appeal within 5 days of receiving the notice of the right to appeal.
  - Call (615) 259-8757 or email [student.discipline@mnps.org](mailto:student.discipline@mnps.org) to request an appeal.
  - If your child attends a charter school, ask the school principal who to contact to request an appeal.
  - You may also request a copy of your child's expulsion packet to see the school's documentation.

## Three Levels of Discipline Appeals in MNPS:

- **Level 1** is an appeal to the MNPS Discipline Hearing Authority.
  - It must be held no later than 10 days after the beginning of the expulsion.
  - During the hearing, 2-3 hearing officers will determine whether your child committed the offense(s).

- **Level 2** is an appeal to the MNPS Executive Director of Student Support Services.
  - You may request a Level 2 Appeal if you believe your child's due process rights were violated or you will present new evidence.
  - You must request a Level 2 Appeal within 5 days of the decision of the Level 1 Appeal.

- **Level 3** is an appeal to the MNPS Board of Public Education.
  - The Board may grant or deny a request for a hearing.
  - The Board may uphold or overturn the expulsion with or without a hearing before the Board.

- At each hearing, the expulsion can be overturned, shortened with or without conditions, or upheld.
- If your child is expelled for a Zero Tolerance offense (firearm, aggravated assault of staff member, drugs, threats of mass violence, and other offenses determined by MNPS), the process is different.
  - See [mnps.org/students-families/handbook/discipline-responses](https://mnps.org/students-families/handbook/discipline-responses) for more information.