

## **EXPULSIONS**

Your school Code of Conduct and the Education Act tell what conduct (for example selling drugs, assault, or having a weapon) can result in an expulsion. Expulsions are recorded in your Ontario Student Record – if you change schools, they will know what happened.

### **Who decides? What can happen?**

The principal will suspend you while investigating and must make a report with recommendations. The school board makes the decision after a hearing. It can decide not to expel or to expel from one school or all its schools. If you are expelled from all its schools, you cannot return to school until you have successfully completed a program for expelled students.

### **If you broke the rules, do they have to expel you?**

No, your principal has to consider many factors before deciding to ask for an expulsion hearing, such as whether you have a disability, your history at the school, and whether your staying at school would create a risk for others.

### **What if the expulsion is unfair?**

You (or your parents if you are under 18 and living at home) can appeal to the Child and Family Services Review Board, but you must act quickly. You should get a lawyer as soon as possible. If you believe your expulsion is discriminatory, you can make an application to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario.

### **Justice for Children & Youth**

416-920-1633 or 1-866-999-5629 / [www.jfcy.org](http://www.jfcy.org)

### **Pro Bono Law Ontario – Education Law**

416-977-4448 x.226 or 1-866-466-7256 / [www.lawhelpontario.ca](http://www.lawhelpontario.ca)

### **Legal Aid Ontario**

416-979-1446 or 1-800-668-8258 / [www.legalaid.on.ca](http://www.legalaid.on.ca)

### **Human Rights Legal Support Centre**

416-314-6266 or 1-800-625-5179 / [www.hrlsc.on.ca](http://www.hrlsc.on.ca)