



INFORMAL DISCIPLINE FOR STUDENTS WITH IEPS

TOPIC: SENT HOME EARLY

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

- Your child's school calls you daily or several times a week to pick up your child early because of their behavior.

WHEN YOU GET THE CALL, ASK THE SCHOOL

- Is my child sick?
- Is my child being suspended?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES

- Please pick up your child from school.
- If the child is suspended, ask for an incident report about the suspension.

IF THE ANSWER IS NO

- The school is asking you to voluntarily take your child home when a situation is challenging or inconvenient but does not require suspension.
- Your child is entitled to be in school just like their classmates.
- The school is required to provide your child with the supports and services needed to allow your child to access their education.
- You are not legally obligated to pick up your child before the end of the school day.

IF YOU DECIDE TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT SICK OR BEING SUSPENDED

- Take a picture of the sign out log in order to document the day and time you picked up your child and how much of the school day they missed.
- Write down the reason you were asked to pick up your child.
- Keep track of the number of days and hours your child was out of school.
- When the amount of school your child has missed from early pick ups adds up to more than 10 school days, request a Manifestation Determination review.
- Request a Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)/Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) if your child does not have one, or request the current one be redone.
- Send a letter or email to the school district's or charter school's special education director expressing your concern that the informal removals may be denying your child a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE).
- Request an IEP or 504 plan meeting to discuss your child's behaviors and how the school team can address those behaviors in a way that allows your child to stay at school and learn.