



Your Child's Educational Rights



What rights does my child have?

- The right to access education—this includes special protections for homeless students, such as busing to their original school and quicker enrollment processes at new schools. It also requires schools to provide translation services if your child does not understand or cannot hear spoken English.
- The right to special education services, if they are eligible. A school has an obligation to identify children that may be eligible for special education services and to evaluate to determine if a child has an educational disability.
- A child with an educational disability cannot be removed from school for more than 10 days if the reason for the removal is a manifestation of his or her disability.
- A child who is being recommended for an out-of-school suspension or an expulsion has the right to be properly notified of the reason for the removal *and* the right to present a defense at a hearing in front of the school administrators.
- Any child who has been given an out-of-school suspension or expulsion has the right to appeal his or her removal from school. They also have a right to be represented by an attorney during this process.



Signs your child may need help:

- Not reading at or near grade level
- Frequent phone calls from school due to misbehavior
- Teacher or administrator concerns about academic performance
- Missing a lot of school
- Failing all or most subjects
- Being held back a grade or more
- In need of mental health services and no one will help
- Repeatedly failing yearly achievement tests
- Unable to access needed healthcare services
- Receiving multiple suspensions
- Being recommended for an expulsion



When should I contact LASC?

- You want a description of your rights and/or your child’s rights provided to you in understandable terms.
- You and/or your child are homeless and want help getting transportation to your child’s school, or with enrolling your child at a new school.
- Your child cannot understand or has trouble understanding spoken English and the school has not provided your child with language assistance services.
- You want help writing letters to your child’s teachers and school administrators to request necessary evaluations for your child.
- You want an advocate for you and your child at the school if educators are not helping you to identify and address your child’s learning needs.
- You or your child need representation in meetings and hearings when the school’s plan to address your child’s learning needs is unsatisfactory to you.
- You or your child need representation in hearings when your child’s school wants to out-of-school suspend or expel your child.
- You or your child wish to appeal the out-of-school removal of your child.

How to Contact LASC:

FRANKLIN & MADISON

Call (614) 241-2001 or Toll Free 1-888-246-4420
 1108 City Park Avenue, Columbus, OH 43206
 Office Hours: 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

DELAWARE, MARION, MORROW, & UNION

Call (740) 383-2161 or Toll Free 1-888-301-2411
 150 Oak Street, Marion, OH 43302
 Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

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