

Student Removals

Informal Removals

The school requests for a student to be sent home early but does not mark the early removal as a suspension or expulsion.

Early Dismissal

The parent decides to pick the student up from school before the school day ends. The parent signs the student out voluntarily.

Shortened School Day

The student's IEP team determines that the student's school day will be less than a full day in order for the student to benefit from their education.

Suspension or Expulsion

The student is removed from school because of a violation of the school's code of conduct. The early removal or absence is coded as a suspension or expulsion.

What You Need to Know.

Informal removals are when a school, not the parent, removes a student from educational services because of behavior. If the school asks for a student to be picked up early or to stay home because of behavior, the school should document this as a **suspension or expulsion**. If the parent picks up their student early, the parent should always sign their student out and document the reason in writing.

Why Is This Important?

Informal Removals can be a sign that a student's IEP is not meeting their needs and that more supports are needed. Students with disabilities have a right under Federal and State law to a Manifestation Determination Review (MDR) before the student has a change in educational placement.

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