

September's tip includes an attachment from CTA, entitled Teachers' Rights Mini-Guide. Although this guide is older, the information is still valid today.

The most important "right" listed is often forgotten. The teacher's suspension right, CA Ed. Code, 48910.

(a) A teacher may suspend any pupil from class, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, for the day of the suspension and the day following. The teacher shall immediately report the suspension to the principal of the school and send the pupil to the principal or the designee of the principal for appropriate action. If that action requires the continued presence of the pupil at the school site, the pupil shall be under appropriate supervision, as defined in policies and related regulations adopted by the governing board of the school district. As soon as possible, the teacher shall ask the parent or guardian of the pupil to attend a parent-teacher conference regarding the suspension. If practicable, a school counselor or a school psychologist may attend the conference. A school administrator shall attend the conference if the teacher or the parent or guardian so requests. The pupil shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was suspended, during the period of the suspension, without the concurrence of the teacher of the class and the principal.

(b) A pupil suspended from a class shall not be placed in another regular class during the period of suspension. However, if the pupil is assigned to more than one class per day this subdivision shall apply only to other regular classes scheduled at the same time as the class from which the pupil was suspended.

(c) A teacher may also refer a pupil, for any of the acts enumerated in Section 48900, to the principal or the designee of the principal for consideration of a suspension from the school.

For example: A teacher may suspend a student for up to two class periods if they notify the parent and document it. (If they act up in science, they will be suspended for science for up to two days.)

Sometimes just having them out of the class for a period, works wonders. Teachers do not have to arrange for the child(ren), notify the admin that the student(s) has been suspended and notified the parent or guardian; Admin will then find a place to put that child for the class period.

The other rights this pamphlet covers are disruptive, unpleasant parents, right to representation, willful misconduct of children that cause injury, and so much more. Please take a second to download and read this pamphlet; it is well worth it. As always, your membership is valued, and we appreciate it!