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2 Before school authorities administer disciplinary measures, reasonable inquiry shall be made to determine
3 the truth of what happened.¹ The nature of this inquiry will vary in degree with the seriousness of the
4 offense and the consequence attached thereto.²

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6 For minor offenses where corrective measures are taken by the classroom teacher, no formal procedure
7 is required; however, the teacher should make an inquiry into the incident to ensure that the offender is
8 accurately identified, that he understands the nature of the offense, and that he knew the consequences of
9 the offense for which he is accused.

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11 In case of severe offenses where there is a possibility of suspension, the student shall be advised of the
12 nature of his misconduct, questioned about it, and allowed to give an explanation (written statement).

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14 If the principal determines that the offense is of such nature that the student's continued presence would
15 be detrimental to the school or persons within the school, he may suspend for a specified period of time.³

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Legal References:

- 34 1. Ingraham v. Wright, 430 U.S. 651 (1977).
35 2. Goss v. Lopez, 410 U.S. 565, (1975).
36 3. T.C.A. § 49-6-3401.

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