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# WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO KNOW?



When dealing with schools, it is important to be informed. There is some information regarding your child that the school is responsible for giving you and that you have a right to, such as changes in an Individualized Education Plan, behavior violations, or medical treatment. And there is some information that you should seek out on your own that the school doesn't provide but is really good to have, such as the school code of conduct and school calendar.

## Figuring out the rules

There are a few main sources of information that are very important for your child that you can read whether or not there is an issue or concern. But it is even more important to review the information if there is an issue involving your child. The information can be a bit confusing, but don't worry. Take your time and ask questions. You don't have to understand everything all at once. Also, think about asking for help. It is true that two heads are better than one, so if a family member, a friend, a neighbor, or someone you trust can also look at the information, this can help a lot.

## Information to review

At the beginning of the year you will want to review important information. You can review these resources ahead of time, to know they are there and what they are, and use them if an issue arises. This may take some time, but it's worth it. These documents include:

- Your School's Code of Conduct (This should be available on your school's website. If you do not know your school's website, you can find it using the school directory on the Orleans Parish School Board Website).
- Louisiana Department of Education Complaint Procedures
- See FFLIC infographics on "Other Critical Information"
- OPSB's "Parental Rights" information
- School Bullying Incident Form
- Orleans Parish Manual for Disciplinary Procedures



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