Questions to Ask About Your School District Discipline Policies and Practices

1)	Does the school district policy or procedure include information about ways the school will affirmatively teach students about behavior expectations?
2)	Does the school district policy or procedure include any alternatives to suspension or expulsion for students who break the rules (such as in-school suspension, paying restitution, or a conference with the victim and other members of the school community)?
3)	What behaviors does the school district say will lead to suspension or expulsion? Are there any behaviors that you think should be addressed through interventions other than suspension and expulsion?
4)	Does the school district policy or procedure explain whether campus police (including school resource officers or school security guards) will be involved in student discipline? If so for what types of offenses?
5)	Does the school district policy or procedure explain how parents can challenge discipline or contact the school with concerns?
6)	Does the school district policy or procedure explain how the school will continue to educate a student even if he or she has been suspended or expelled?