

Are you heading back to school? You have rights.

1. Does my old school have to let me back in?

Yes. When you go home from CJTS or Pueblo, your old school has to let you back in right away, as long as they have the right grade for you.

2. What happens if my family moved while I was in lock up?

If your family moved to a new school district, your old school has to send your records to the new district. They have to send the records within 10 days after they get the request.

3. Can they expel me again for the same offense?

If you were expelled and sent to CJTS or Pueblo for that offense, the school cannot punish you again when you return. An expulsion can only last for 180 days and the days you are in CJTS or Pueblo count as expulsion days.

4. What happens if they don't let me enroll?

If the school says you can't come back, you have the right to a hearing before the Board of Education. **Protect yourself, and contact an attorney** who can negotiate with the Superintendent or guide you through the hearing process, if necessary.

If you need a hearing, the Board of Education must hold it within ten days of getting a written request. If you do not win the hearing and get back into school, you have the right to appeal to the State Board of Education.

5. Can I go to an alternative school?

Alternative school is for kids who have a hard time in regular school. Classes are usually smaller and some have computer-based classes that let you work to recover credits. If there is an alternative school you are interested in, ask for a tour and talk to the staff.

Ask these questions to help decide:

- What hours would I go to school?
- How many students are in each class?
- Can I get extra help?
- Can I take the same classes I took in placement?
- Can I do sports or activities?
- Can I go back to my regular school if I want to?



Questions?

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