

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

S. M.,	:	
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Appellant,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	CASE NO. 2000-44
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PEACH COUNTY	:	
BOARD OF EDUCATION,	:	
	:	
Appellee.	:	DECISION

This is an appeal by S. M. (Student) from a decision by the Peach County Board of Education (Local Board) to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary hearing officer to expel him from regular school until the end of the first semester of the 2000-2001 school year with assignment to an alternative school after the hearing officer found him guilty of an excessive number of disciplinary violations—principally the failure to attend classes. The Student claims the principal and assistant principal are biased against him. The Local Board’s decision is sustained.

The Student, an 18-year old tenth grader, would not attend any of the classes to which he was assigned. Instead, he would wander the halls and enter any class that he wanted. Because of his numerous violations, a hearing before a student disciplinary hearing officer was scheduled for May 10, 2000 and the Student was notified of the date and time. The Student failed to appear at the hearing and the hearing officer expelled him until the end of the first semester of the 2000-2001 school year with assignment to an alternative school during the expulsion period. The Local Board upheld the hearing officer’s decision when the Student appealed. The Student then filed an appeal with the State Board of Education.

The Student failed to file a brief and did not request oral argument. Consequently, the Student is deemed to have abandoned his appeal because he has not presented the State Board of Education with any basis for review. Accordingly, the appeal is hereby **DISMISSED**.

This _____ day of September 2000.

Bruce Jackson
Vice Chairman for Appeals