

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STATE OF GEORGIA

TIMOTHY G.,	:	
	:	
Appellant,	:	
V.	:	CASE NO. 1992-18
	:	
ELBERT COUNTY	:	DECISION
BOARD OF EDUCATION,	:	
	:	
Appellee.	:	

This is an appeal by the parent of Timothy G. (“Student”) from a decision by the Elbert County Board of Education (“Local Board”) to expel the Student for the remainder of the 1991-1992 school year because he had a gun in his car on campus. The appeal is dismissed as moot.

On April 6, 1992, the Local Board voted to expel the Student for the remainder of the 1991-1992 school year because the Student had a .25-caliber pistol and cartridges in the glove compartment of his car, which was parked on campus. Local Board policy prohibits bringing guns on campus. The Student appealed to the State Board of Education on the grounds (1) the punishment was excessive, and (2) other students who violated the rule were not similarly punished.

There was no evidence in the record about the punishment given to other students. The State Board of Education cannot go outside the record; its review is confined to the record. Additionally, the State Board of Education cannot review an issue that was not raised at the hearing before the Local Board.

The expulsion period has passed and the State Board of Education cannot provide the Student with any relief. All issues raised by the Student are moot. The appeal, therefore, must be, and is hereby,
DISMISSED.

This 10th day of September, 1992.

Mr. Abrams, Mr. Brinson, Mr. Sear and Mr. Sessoms were not present.

James H. Blanchard
Vice Chairman for Appeals