

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

STATE OF GEORGIA

A. C.,	:	
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Appellant,	:	
	:	
vs.	:	CASE NO. 2006-20
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ATLANTA CITY	:	
BOARD OF EDUCATION,	:	
	:	DECISION
Appellee.	:	

This is an appeal by A. C. (Student) from a decision by the Atlanta City Board of Education (Local Board) to uphold the decision of a student disciplinary tribunal to suspend her until May 20, 2005, after finding her guilty of engaging in disorderly conduct. The Student argues that the punishment is too severe. The suspension period has passed, thus rendering the appeal moot because there is no relief that the State Board of Education can provide to the Student. The appeal, therefore, is dismissed.

On March 25, 2005, the Student was in the assistant principal's room because she was absent from a class and had used profane language in the hallway. The Student told the assistant principal that she was going to leave. When the assistant principal walked to the door and placed his hand on the doorknob, the Student jumped out of the office window and left the school grounds. The Student was charged with disorderly conduct. At the student disciplinary tribunal hearing, the Student admitted that she jumped from the assistant principal's window and left the school grounds. The tribunal suspended her until May 20, 2005, and assigned her to the alternative school during her suspension period.

The Student claims that the punishment is too harsh. The State Board of Education, however, cannot adjust the level or degree of discipline imposed by a local board of education. *B. K. v. Bartow Cnty. Bd. of Educ.*, Case No. 1998-33 (Ga. SBE, Sep. 10, 1998).

Based upon the foregoing, it is the opinion of the State Board of Education that the appeal is moot because the suspension period has passed and there is no relief that can be granted. Accordingly, the appeal is hereby **DISMISSED**.

This _____ day of November 2005.

William Bradley Bryant
Vice Chairman for Appeals