



Charter Schools Institute *The State University of New York*

***Please join the Charter Schools Institute for an
Informational Videoconference on:***

Student Discipline / Parent Complaints

This videoconference is designed to provide information and address questions regarding the often related topics of student discipline and parent complaints. In some cases, school discipline or complaint policies may need to be updated; in others, the school's actual practices may need adjustment to comply with state and federal law. We want to ensure that all SUNY authorized charter schools have the information they need in order to properly handle common discipline issues and complaints/grievances. A sampling of questions to be addressed includes:

- What are the charter requirements regarding student discipline policies for regular education students and complaint policies?
- Does your school's discipline policy fully address the federally-mandated due process provisions for short-term and long-term suspensions and expulsions (due process hearings, appropriate notice explaining parental/guardian rights)? Does your policy address in-school suspension?
- Does your alternative instruction meet the requirements of the State Education Department?
- What is the interplay between your school's staff and board of trustees in a typical complaint situation? Our discussion will cover the distinction between voluntary and mandatory provisions.

Time will also be allotted to answer your questions.

This videoconference is designed for school board members, school leaders and school staff with responsibilities related to student behavior/discipline.

Friday, May 16, 2008, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The videoconference will be accessible from three locations:

- **New York City: SUNY College of Optometry, 33 W. 42nd Street, 18th floor conference room**
- **Albany: SUNY Plaza, 353 Broadway, N-102**
- **Buffalo: University at Buffalo, 531 Capen Hall**

Please R.S.V.P. by May 9, 2008 to (518) 433-8277, Ext. 2042

Telephone access to the videoconference will be provided upon request.