## SWEET | STEVENS | KATZ | WILLIAMS

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

We help you set defensible policies and effective procedures.



Today, there so many legal issues concerning students in public schools and school entities.

And certainly, while there is no way to eliminate all these issues from occurring in a school, there are ways to handle them quickly and definitively. These issues include:

- Student discipline
- Student residency disputes
- Child custody disputes
- Access to and release of student records
- Emancipation

- Free-speech issues
- Religious issues
- Dress code issues
- Drug and Alcohol testing of students
- Security issues, including searches of lockers, vehicles or personal belongings

Each of these areas, if not handled correctly, can come back to haunt a district and its employees later.

If it involves discipline, we guide you how to respond quickly and conclusively. If it involves a challenge to policy, we direct you on how to answer diplomatically and directly. If it involves procedural requests, we train your staff on executing responsibilities consistently and efficiently.

Through swift coordination of the school's response, to regular in-service training, and our Pool Counsel service, we help you operate proactively and minimize the possible adverse consequences of missteps.

## **OUR SERVICES**

- Review school policy, practice and procedures for effectiveness and legal compliance
- Craft disciplinary policies and punitive response measures and actions, including disciplinary hearings and communication
- Offer advice and interpretation of laws on accommodations and related disputes
- Provide comprehensive in-house training for board members, administrators and staff

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