Suspension: Frequently Asked Questions

Can I appeal the suspension?
If you believe the suspension was inappropriate, there was a procedural defect, or if new evidence has become available, you may appeal the decision. Information on the appeal process and an appeal form can be found here: http://www ohio.edu/communitystandards/process/appeal.cfm

Please note you have three (3) business days to submit your appeal once you have been informed of your suspension.

Can I still go to class? What about living in the Residence Halls?
If you choose to appeal the suspension decision, you are still able to live in your residence hall room (see refund process below) and attend classes while the appeal process is underway.

How long will it be until I know the outcome of my appeal?
An appeal board, meeting in closed session will either grant or deny the appeal by a majority vote. If the appeal is granted, the sanction may be changed or a new hearing ordered. If the appeal is granted because of new evidence, the only remedy available is a new hearing. The appeal board is made up of an administrator, student and faculty member. There is typically one appeal board meeting per week.

If I don’t appeal when does my suspension start?
If you do not plan to appeal the suspension, then the suspension begins immediately. You have three days to move out of your residence hall room and stop attending classes. If you are found to be on campus after those three days, you can potentially be arrested for trespassing.

How do I re-enroll to Ohio University after my suspension is complete? Do I have to re-apply?
In order to come back to Ohio University after your suspension period you must petition the Office of Community Standards & Student Responsibility. Your petition for re-enrollment must include:

1) Your reasons for wanting to return to Ohio University;
2) How your behavior has changed since your suspension from the university;
3) Your plans for conducting yourself as a responsible member of the university community;
4) If you were given a condition of sanction (for example, an alcohol assessment) you are to submit the proper documentation. Please remember that your mental health provider must complete and return the Provider Report Form which can be found here: http://www ohio.edu/communitystandards/forms/

Your letter should be submitted no earlier than 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester you are requesting to return.

Will I get my money back for tuition?
Each suspension is looked at individually. If appropriate in your case, the information will be sent by the Office of Community Standards & Student Responsibility to a tuition appeals committee for a decision on possible tuition and fees reimbursement.

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Do I get the money back for my room?
It is important to know that there is a difference between tuition and fees reimbursement (see above) and the room and board costs. Room and board refund is based on the following percentages of the semester room and meal charge. If the student checks out of the room before the semester starts, the refund will be 100%, during the first week of the semester 80%; second week of the semester 60%; third week of the semester 40%; and fourth week of the semester 20%. If the student checks out of the room beginning Sunday of the fifth week of the semester or after no refund will be processed.

If you are suspended during a break or inter-session, the only way to receive a refund of 100% is to check out of your residence hall before the halls open. Contact Residential Housing (740.593.4090) during this break period to coordinate your checkout. If your items remain in your room as you appeal the original suspension, you will be charged according to the refund schedule.

Do I cancel my classes?
The Office of Community Standards & Student Responsibility will put in a request for your current semester classes to be cancelled. If your suspension extends into a future semester for which you have already pre-registered, it is your responsibility to cancel those classes.

How do I check out of my residence hall room?
You must contact your residential coordinator or resident director to check out of your room. Be sure to check out properly or you will face an improper check out fine and your housing refund could be jeopardized. If it is a break period, contact the main office of Residential Housing (740.593.4090).

Can I go to another school while I’m suspended?
You are able to apply to any school other than Ohio University during your suspension period. Admission to the institution is subject to their rules and admission policy.

Can I be on campus?
Once you are suspended you are not permitted to be on campus. If you need permission to be on campus for a short time, you must call the Office of Community Standards & Student Responsibility to request permission. If you are found on campus without permission, you can be arrested for trespassing.

Can I live off-campus when I return to campus after my suspension is complete?
All undergraduate students with less than two full years (four semesters, full time enrollment) of living in the residence halls prior to the start of the fall semester in which they enroll are required to reside in University owned housing and participate in the associated mandatory meal plan.

Therefore, a suspension from the university may put you at risk for not meeting the eligibility requirements to live off campus. Please contact the Office of Residential Housing immediately to discuss options for fulfilling the on-campus housing requirement. Please Note: Typically a suspension results in the need to take summer classes to fulfill the residential requirement.

How do I register for classes once I’m granted permission to re-enroll?
There are several resources you can utilize to make sure that you are on track for your academic program. If you cannot get a hold of your assigned academic advisor or another advisor from your specific college, please contact the Allen Student Help Center (740-566-8888) for advising. You may also want to consider meeting with an advisor before your departure from campus to discuss your academics. (See Can I be on campus?)

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