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Sub: Procedure for striking off names.

Rule 35 of the Delhi School Education Act & Rules 1973 lays down the procedure for striking off names of students from the rolls of the school. Sub section (4) of Rule 35 specifically mandates that it is obligatory for the school to give a reasonable opportunity to parents to defend their ward’s case before his/her name is struck off:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), no student’s name shall be struck off the rolls except after giving the parent or guardian of such student a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action."

Instances have been reported where names of children have been arbitrarily struck off the school rolls without following the due procedure as elaborated in Rule 35 above, simply because of their involvement in situation of conflict with law.

In such cases where a child is in a situation of conflict with law, schools must adopt a reformative approach towards such students, rather than taking punitive measures like striking off the child’s name, without following the due procedure.

In a recent communication, the Principal Magistrate, Juvenile Justice Board II too has observed that punitive action – like striking off names from the rolls of the school – should not be taken against children involved in a situation of conflict with law.

The HoSs are, therefore, required to assess carefully the situation in which the child is involved, the status of investigation in the matter etc. before arriving at a decision on the striking off the child’s name on school rolls. Action to strike off name should normally be taken in cases where the child is not likely to return to the school within a reasonable period of time. In no case, child’s name should be struck off without giving reasonable opportunity to the parent/guardian to present their case.

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