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U.S. Departments of Education and Justice Release Guidance on School Discipline

On January 8, the U.S. Departments of Education and Justice released a “Dear Colleague Letter” that explains schools’ obligations under federal law to administer student discipline without discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin. The letter is part of the Departments’ school discipline guidance package, also released on January 8th, which will assist states, districts and schools in developing practices and strategies to enhance school climate and in improving school discipline policies and practices.

You can view the letter here: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201401-title-vi.pdf>

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