Know your school’s policies about discipline procedures—this is essential when dealing with students and parents.

A teacher also needs to know the procedures for reporting an injury, whether it is a slip and fall or breaking up a fight. There is a protocol that must be followed in case the result is a worker’s comp claim.

In the case of special ed students, it is extremely important to know the IEP and if that IEP does not address discipline issues, you have the right to request a meeting to develop a plan for such.

There must be a plan in place instead of knee-jerk reactions to discipline problems.

Knowing beforehand is important.