

STUDENTSAppeal Process to the School Board for Long-Term Suspension or Expulsion

If a long-term suspension or expulsion is imposed, the student and parent shall have the right to appeal such decision to the Board of Directors by filing a written notice of appeal at the office of the hearing officer within three (3) school business days after the date of receipt of the decision.

The Board of Directors shall schedule and hold a meeting to informally review the matter within ten (10) school business days from receipt of such appeal. The purpose of the meeting shall be to confer with the parties in order to decide upon the most appropriate means of handling the appeal. At that time the student, parent, and/or counsel shall be given the right to be heard and shall be granted the opportunity to present such witnesses and testimony as the board of directors deems reasonable. Prior to adjournment the board shall agree to one of the following procedures:

1. Study the hearing record or other materials submitted and record its findings within ten (10) school business days.
2. Schedule and hold a special meeting to hear further arguments on the case and record its findings within fifteen (15) school business days.
3. Hear and try the case de novo (anew, afresh, a second time) before the board of directors within ten school (10) business days.

Any decision by the Board of Directors to impose or to affirm, reverse or modify the imposition of suspension or expulsion upon a student shall be made:

1. Only by those Board members who have heard or read the evidence.
2. Only by those Board members who have not acted as a witness in the matter.
3. Only at a meeting at which a quorum of the Board is present and only by a majority vote.

Legal Reference:

[WAC 392-400-310](#) Appeals-Long-term Suspension and Expulsion
[392-400-315](#) Appeals--Hearing Before School Board--Procedures
[392-400-320](#) School Board or Disciplinary Appeal Council Decisions

RCW [28A.600.015](#) Expulsions and Suspensions—Rules Incorporating Due Process—Short-term and Long-term Suspensions—Emergency Expulsions—Discretionary Discipline

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