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

If a long-term suspension or expulsion is imposed, the student, parent, or guardian shall have the right to appeal such decision to the Board by filing an oral or written notice of appeal at the office of the hearing officer within ten (10) school business days after the date of receipt of the decision.

In reviewing the District's decision, the Board must consider all documentary and physical evidence related to the behavioral violation, any records from the appeal, relevant state law, and the District's discipline policy.

1. The Board may request to meet with the student or parents, the principal, witnesses, or school personnel to hear further arguments and gather additional information.
2. The decision of the Board must be made only by Board members who were not involved in the behavioral violation, the decision to suspend or expel the student, or the appeal decision. Also, Board members are expected to recuse themselves if they are related to the student or have strong family ties to the student involved in the appeal.

The Board must provide a written decision to the student and parents in person, by mail, or by email within ten (10) school business days after receiving the request for review and reconsideration. The written decision must identify:

1. Whether the Board affirms, reverses, or modifies the suspension or expulsion;
2. The duration and conditions of the suspension or expulsion, including the dates on which the suspension or expulsion will begin and end; and
3. For long-term suspensions or expulsions, a notice of the opportunity to participate in a reengagement meeting.

The District must ensure that any review proceedings and decisions are in a language the student and parents understand, which may require language assistance for students and parents with limited-English proficiency under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Legal References:

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
392-400-475	Discipline Appeal Council
392-400-465	Suspensions & Expulsions - Appeal
392-400-710	Student Reengagement after Long-Term Suspension or Expulsion

Administrative Regulation No. 3323.2
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[392-400-110](#) Discipline Policies & Procedures-Development, Review, &
Distribution

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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