

Procedural Due Process, Disciplinary Action —Non-Handicapped Students

Any student, parent or guardian who is aggrieved by any disciplinary action other than suspension or expulsion shall have the right to an informal conference with the building principal or his or her designee for the purpose of resolving the matter. At this conference the pupil, parent or guardian shall be subject to questioning by the principal and shall be entitled to question school personnel involved. If the grievance is not resolved, the student, parent or guardian may appeal to the district superintendent or designee, either in writing or orally, within two school business days after the informal conference.

If the grievance remains unresolved at this level, the student, parent or guardian, upon two school business days' prior notice, shall have the right to present a written and/or oral grievance to the board of directors at its next regular meeting. The board of directors shall notify the student, parent or guardian of its decision within ten school business days after the date of the meeting.

Even though the student, parent or guardian grieves the action of the principal, the disciplinary action taken by the principal shall continue unless the principal/designee chooses to postpone such action.

For the purpose of this policy, a school business day shall mean any calendar day, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and any federal and school holidays, upon which the office of the superintendent is open to the public for the conduct of business.

At each level of the appeal process the student, parent, or guardian will be notified of their right to appeal to a higher authority and of the time limits within which appeal must be made.

Legal Reference:

WAC 180-40-240 Discipline—grievance procedure

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