

APPEAL OF STUDENT EXTENDED SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- I.** At the request of a principal, the superintendent or designee may suspend a student for more than 10 school days or expel a student. The procedure for appealing a student's extended suspension or expulsion is as follows:
- A. If after a conference with the superintendent or designee the decision is to assign a student an extended suspension or expulsion, the student's parent/guardian may appeal in writing to the Board of Education within 10 days after the determination.
 - B. If an appeal is filed, the Talbot County Board of Education or its designated committee or hearing office shall have 45 days from the date the appeal was received to hear the appeal and issue a decision.
 - 1. This timeline period may be extended if the parent/guardian, or his/her representative requests additional time; and
 - 2. This timeline shall also apply in the event that the Talbot County Board of Education elects to use a hearing examiner.
 - C. If due to the extraordinary circumstances or unusual complexity of a particular appeal, the Talbot County Board of Education determines that it will be unable to hear an appeal and issue a decision within 45 days, it may petition the State Superintendent for an extension of time.
 - D. The student or the student's parent/guardian or representative:
 - 1. Shall be provided the school system's witness list and a copy of the documents that the school system will present at the hearing 5 days before the hearing; and
 - 2. May bring counsel and witnesses to the hearing.
 - E. Unless a public hearing is requested by the parent/guardian of the student, a hearing shall be held out of the presence of all individuals except those whose presence is considered necessary or desirable by the Talbot County Board of Education.
 - F. The appeal to the Talbot County Board of Education does not stay the decision of the superintendent.
 - G. The decision of the Talbot County Board of Education is final.

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