

Procedure for Long Term Suspension/Expulsion

For matters that could result in long-term suspensions or expulsions, the principal will refer the student to the three person Review Committee. Such Review Committee shall be comprised of the referring principal or assistant principal from a school within the Bristol Virginia School Division, and two administrators of the Bristol Virginia Public School central office or Superintendent's designee. Upon the School Board's receipt of a petition for review of action taken by the principal, assistant principal, or teacher, The Review Committee shall conduct a hearing and issue a decision within 30 days of the suspension.

Following any Review Committee decision recommending a long-term suspension or expulsion, any party in interest may seek relief from the decision of the Review Committee decision by petitioning the Division Superintendent or his/her designee within 5 business days of the hearing. Such review by the Division Superintendent or his/her designee shall be on the record and shall not necessitate a hearing. The Division Superintendent or his/her designee shall uphold, reject, or alter the decision of the Review Committee.

Following any decision by the Division Superintendent or his/her designee upholding, rejecting, or altering a long-term suspension or expulsion, any party in interest may seek relief from such Review Committee decision by petitioning the School Board for a hearing before the full School Board within 5 business days of the Superintendent's ruling. Upon the School Board's receipt of a petition for review of decision by the Division Superintendent or his/her designee, the School Board shall conduct a hearing and issue a decision upholding, rejecting, or altering the Superintendent or his/her designee's decision within 30 days.

In the case of any long-term suspension or expulsion, the parent of the student facing the suspension or expulsion shall be provided with a copy of the appeals procedure for long-term suspension or expulsion as soon as practically possible.

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