

# Wilson County Board of Education

Policy Description:  Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority  Page 1 of 2	Policy Number: 6.317	Amended Date: 02/04/10
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1 A student disciplinary hearing authority (SDHA) will conduct hearings and appeal hearings for students who have  
2 been referred by the building administrator. The hearing will take place within ten (10) school days of the first  
3 day of suspension.  
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5 The Director of Schools shall appoint a chairman of the SDHA. The chairman shall perform the following duties:  
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- 7 1. Identify the members of the SDHA assigned to hear each individual case;
- 8 2. Prepare and record the minutes of each meeting;
- 9 3. Set the time, place and date for each hearing;
- 10 4. Notify appropriate persons of each meeting within forty-eight (48) hours of receiving notification of the  
11 suspension/expulsion/placement.  
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13 Each hearing shall be conducted by a minimum of three (3) members of the SDHA, of which one must be a  
14 licensed employee of the Board. The hearing must be held, a decision must be rendered and notification of the  
15 decision must be provided to the parents and/or student and the principal no later than ten (10) days after the  
16 beginning of the suspension or placement. Notification of the decision shall include a statement of the right of  
17 either party within five (5) days after receiving the decision to request a review by the Director of Schools.  
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19 The SDHA may take the following disciplinary actions:  
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- 21 1. Affirm the decision of the school principal;
- 22 2. Order removal of the suspension or placement unconditionally;
- 23 3. Amend the suspension or placement upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable;
- 24 4. Suspend/Expel/Place the student for a specified period of time;\* or  
25 5. Other recommendations/decisions as deemed appropriate.  
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27 If a review of the hearing is requested by either the student or principal, the Director of Schools shall either  
28 review the record or grant a second hearing.  
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30 If the Director of Schools chooses to review the record he/she shall:  
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- 32 1. Affirm the decision of the hearing authority;

- 1        2. Modify the decision to a lesser penalty\*;
- 2        3. Grant a hearing before the Board.

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4 If the Board chooses to grant a hearing, it may:

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- 6        1. Affirm the decision of the hearing authority;
- 7        2. Modify the decision in any manner\*;
- 8        3. Impose a more severe penalty than that of the hearing authority.

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14 **\*Note: Zero tolerance offenses set forth in statute (firearms, drug possession, and battery upon a school**  
15 **employee) require mandatory calendar year expulsion or assignment to alternative placement for a calendar**  
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