

(3) If after the investigation the county superintendent finds that a longer suspension or expulsion is warranted, he or his designated representative promptly shall arrange a conference with the student and his parent or guardian.

(4) If after the conference the county superintendent or his designated representative finds that a suspension of more than 10 school days or expulsion is warranted, the student or his parent or guardian may:

- (i) Appeal to the county board within 10 days after the determination;
- (ii) Be heard before the county board or its designated committee; and
- (iii) Bring counsel and witnesses to the hearing.

(5) Unless a public hearing is requested by the parent or 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 board.

(6) The appeal to the county board does not stay the decision of the county superintendent.

(7) The decision of the county board is final.

(d) (1) This subsection applies to Prince George's County only.

(2) Any student expelled or suspended from school shall remain away from the school premises during those hours each school day when the school the student attends is in session.

(3) The expelled or suspended student may return to the school premises during the prohibited hours only for attendance at a previously scheduled appointment, and if the student is a minor then only if accompanied by his parent or guardian.

(4) Any person who violates any provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 for each violation.

(E) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "~~WEAPON~~" "FIREARM" MEANS A FIREARM AS DEFINED IN 18 U.S.C. § 921.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH ~~(2)~~ (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE FINDS THAT A STUDENT HAS BROUGHT A GUN, RIFLE, KNIFE OR OTHER ~~WEAPON~~ FIREARM ONTO SCHOOL PROPERTY, THE STUDENT SHALL BE EXPELLED FOR A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR.

~~(2)~~ (3) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MAY SPECIFY, ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, A SHORTER PERIOD OF EXPULSION OR AN ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SETTING, IF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD, FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS BROUGHT A GUN, RIFLE, KNIFE OR OTHER ~~WEAPON~~ FIREARM ONTO SCHOOL PROPERTY.

~~(2)~~ (4) THE STATE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBSECTION.