

(A) SUSPENSION FOR NOT LONGER THAN 5 SCHOOL DAYS.

(1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY BOARD, EACH PRINCIPAL OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY SUSPEND FOR CAUSE, FOR NOT MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL DAYS, ANY STUDENT IN THE SCHOOL WHO IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PRINCIPAL.

(2) THE STUDENT OR HIS PARENT OR GUARDIAN PROMPTLY SHALL BE GIVEN A CONFERENCE WITH THE PRINCIPAL AND ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL DURING THE SUSPENSION PERIOD.

(B) SUSPENSION FOR MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL DAYS AND EXPULSION.

AT THE REQUEST OF A PRINCIPAL, A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT MAY SUSPEND A STUDENT FOR MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL DAYS OR EXPEL HIM.

(C) PROCEDURE FOR MORE THAN 5 DAY SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION.

(1) IF A PRINCIPAL FINDS THAT A SUSPENSION OF MORE THAN 5 SCHOOL DAYS OR EXPULSION IS WARRANTED, HE IMMEDIATELY SHALL REPORT THE MATTER IN WRITING TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

(2) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE PROMPTLY SHALL MAKE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER.

(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.