

(5) The panel for any State level hearing shall be selected in the following manner:

(i) The Board shall provide the parents with four names, which, unless otherwise agreed upon by both parties, shall be chosen in rotating alphabetical sequence from the list of hearing officers;

(ii) The parents shall choose three of the four; and

(iii) The parents shall notify the Board of their selection within 15 days of the Board's notification. In the absence of such notification by parents, the Board shall assign hearing officers in rotating alphabetical sequence starting with the list in subparagraph (i) above.

(6) If it becomes necessary to provide a substitute hearing officer for a member of the panel chosen by the method prescribed in paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Board shall choose from the list in rotating alphabetical sequence the next available person.

(7) The Board shall maintain and make publicly available a complete record of all requests, successful or not, of hearing officers to serve on panels.

(c) (1) The State hearing board may:

(i) After review of the educational records of the child, dismiss any request for review which does not relate to a matter described in subsection (b)(1) of this section;

(ii) Hear any testimony that it considers relevant;

(iii) Require a complete and independent diagnosis, evaluation, and prescription of educational programs by qualified persons, the cost of which shall be paid by the State Board; and

(iv) Subject to § 8-409 of this subtitle, confirm, modify, or reject any diagnosis, evaluation, educational program, or exclusion or exemption of the child from school privileges and require alternate special educational programs for the child.

(2) The hearing board shall make its decision within the time prescribed by the bylaws of the State Board of Education and applicable federal law or regulations.

(3) Each board member is entitled to a reasonable fee and expenses as established by the State Board.