

(e) At any hearing held under this section, upon the request of a party, the hearing officer shall administer oaths to all witnesses.]

(E) (1) ANY PARTY TO THE HEARING HAS THE RIGHT TO:

(I) BE ACCOMPANIED AND BE ADVISED BY COUNSEL AND INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OR TRAINING WITH RESPECT TO THE PROBLEMS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES;

(II) PRESENT EVIDENCE AND CONFRONT, CROSS-EXAMINE, AND COMPEL THE ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES;

(III) PROHIBIT THE INTRODUCTION OF ANY EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED TO ALL PARTIES AT LEAST 5 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING;

(IV) OBTAIN A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC VERBATIM RECORD OF THE HEARING; AND

(V) OBTAIN WRITTEN FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISIONS.

(2) PARENTS INVOLVED IN THE HEARINGS MUST BE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO:

(I) HAVE THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE HEARING PRESENT; AND

(II) OPEN THE HEARING TO THE PUBLIC.

(F) THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD AND A WRITTEN DECISION SHALL BE ISSUED WITHIN 45 CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE REQUEST FOR THE HEARING. THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MAY GRANT A SPECIFIC EXTENSION OF TIME NOT TO EXCEED 60 CALENDAR DAYS FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN.

(G) IF, AT THE TIME OF THE HEARING REQUEST, THE STUDENT WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE HEARING IS NOT ENROLLED AND ATTENDING AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, AN EXPEDITED HEARING SCHEDULE SHALL APPLY. IN THESE CASES, THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD WITHIN 20 CALENDAR DAYS AND A WRITTEN DECISION SHALL BE ISSUED WITHIN 15 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE HEARING.

[(f)] (H) [(1) Under this section, any public agency, parent or guardian] WITHIN ~~90~~ 180 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE HEARING DECISION, ANY PARTY TO THE HEARING may file an appeal from a final review decision of the Office of Administrative Hearings to the federal District Court for Maryland or to the circuit court for the county in which the student resides.

[(2) An appeal under this section shall be filed within 180 days after the date that notice of the decision of the State hearing panel is sent.

(g) Any review requested by a parent or guardian of a student with disabilities shall be conducted in conformity with this section and any applicable federal law.]