

Dickson County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority	Descriptor Code: 6.317	Issued Date: 02/28/13
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 The Board shall establish a Disciplinary Hearing Authority (DHA) to conduct hearings for students who
2 have been suspended to the Board.

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4 The Director of Schools shall appoint a chairman of the DHA from the members appointed by the Board.
5 Designee shall serve as chairman of the DHA and shall perform the following duties:

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7 1. Identify the members of the DHA assigned to hear each individual case;
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9 2. Prepare and disseminate the minutes of each meeting;
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11 3. Set the time, place and date for each hearing;
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13 4. Notify appropriate persons of each meeting;
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15 5. Sign and maintain a copy of minutes of the meeting.

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17 Each hearing shall be conducted by at least three (3) members of the DHA. The hearing must be held, a
18 decision must be rendered, and notification of the decision must be provided to the parents and/or student
19 and the principal no later than ten (10) school days after the beginning of the suspension. Notification
20 of the decision shall include a statement of the right of either party within five (5) days after receiving
21 the decision to request a review by the Board.

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23 The DHA may take the following disciplinary actions:

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25 1. Affirm the recommendation of the principal;
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27 2. Order removal of the suspension unconditionally;
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29 3. Order removal of the suspension upon such terms and conditions as it deems reasonable;
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31 4. Remand the student to alternative placement;
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33 5. Suspend/expel/remand the student for a specified period of time;
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35 6. Recommend expulsion to the Board.

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37 APPEALS - If a review of the hearing is requested by either the student or principal, the Board shall
38 review the record or grant a hearing. Appeals hearings before the Board are exempt from the Open
39 Meeting Act unless the parent requests otherwise [PC 212-2007] If the Board chooses to review the
40 record it shall:
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1. Affirm the decision of the DHA; or
2. Modify the decision to a lesser penalty; or
3. Grant a hearing before the Board.

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

1. Affirm the decision of the DHA; or
2. Modify the decision in any manner; or
3. Impose a more severe penalty than that of the DHA.

Zero-tolerance offenses may only be appealed to the Director of Schools for modification.