

Parent's Long-Term Suspension Appeal Process

- Long-term suspensions may be appealed by a student (if 18 years of age or older), parent, or legal custodian if you disagree with the decision made by the Guilford County Schools Hearing Officer after the long-term suspension hearing.
- Directions on how to appeal the Hearing Officer's decision come in the decision letter the Hearing Officer will send you following the long-term suspension hearing:
 1. The letter includes a Long-Term Suspension Consent Form if the student receives an actual long-term suspension; or
 2. A Modified Long-Term Suspension Consent Form if the student is reassigned to the alternative school or is returned to their home school on a behavior contract; and
 3. In either case student (18 or older), parent or legal custodian would check off the box indicating they Do Not Accept the decision and return it to the Hearing Office within 2 business days of receiving the letter.
- If you have any questions about the appeal process you may contact the Hearing Office at 336-370-8154.
- Once the Form is returned to the Hearing Office an appeal before a three-member panel of the Board of Education will be scheduled and you will receive a notice letter giving date, time and place for the appeal hearing.
- At the conclusion of the appeal hearing, the three-member Board panel will make the final decision to uphold the decision of the Hearing Officer, to overturn the decision of the Hearing Officer, or to modify the decision of the Hearing Officer. You will be notified of the Board panel's decision by certified mail which will be posted the next business day.
- This decision is final. The only exception would be pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 115C – 45, "An appeal of right brought before a local board of education...may be further appealed to the Superior Court of the State on the grounds that the local board's decision is in violation of constitutional provisions, is in excess of the statutory authority or jurisdiction of the board, is made upon unlawful procedure, is affected by other error of law, is unsupported by substantial evidence in view of the entire record as submitted, or is arbitrary or capricious."