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Discipline Appeal Council

The board of directors delegates its authority to hear and decide discipline grievance appeals, not including long-term suspensions, expulsions or emergency expulsions, to a discipline appeal council. The council shall include a board member at large; other members of the council shall be recommended by the superintendent for consideration and appointed by the board of directors on a yearly basis. All council members shall be knowledgeable about the discipline rules set forth in [Chapter 392-400 WAC](#), *et seq.* and of the district's discipline policies and procedures.

Any decision by the discipline appeal council to impose or to affirm, reverse, or modify the imposition of discipline shall be made:

1. only by those council members who have heard or read the evidence;
2. only by those council members who have not acted as a witness in the matter; and
3. only at a meeting at which a quorum of the council is present and by majority vote.

The council shall notify the student and parent or guardian of its response to the grievance within ten (10) school business days after the date of the meeting.

The superintendent will provide a report to the board on an annual basis on the number and types of appeals heard by the discipline appeal council.

Cross reference: [Board Policy 3300](#) Student Discipline

Legal references: [WAC 392-400-465](#) Suspensions and expulsions—Appeal
 [WAC 392-400-470](#) Suspensions and expulsions—Review and reconsideration

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