authority to suspend a student for additional five days, i.e. up to 10 school days and the parties are allowed more time to prepare for the school admissions appeal committee hearing, which in such cases will be held on or before the tenth school day.

2. Hearings and Procedure

shall automatically be scheduled on or about the fifth school day following the date of notice. In cases where the principal's recommended disciplinary action is an "in-school" suspension of more than 10 days, the hearing shall automatically be scheduled no later than the tenth school day following the date of notice. In cases where the principal's recommended disciplinary action is an "at-home" suspension of 20 school days or longer or expulsion, the hearing shall automatically be scheduled no later than the tenth school day following the date of notice. Pending the outcome of the Admission Appeals Committee hearing, students except those who have been charged with offenses identified in School Board Policy JCB, Section 5, may be offered temporary placement at Capital City Alternative School.

C. Student awaiting hearing

Should the principal determine that suspension for longer than five days is appropriate, the student may be allowed to remain in school pending a hearing, if the principal determines that his continued presence is not detrimental to the school program. In the case of a student remaining in school, the hearing may be held at any appropriate time and not subject to the 10-day limitation.

Section II: SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS COMMITTEE

Students, or parents of students who are denied admission, who have been recommended for suspension for a period of time to exceed five consecutive school days, or who have been recommended for expulsion by the principal, are entitled to a hearing before an appeals committee designated as the School Admission Appeals Committee.

A. Composition

The School Admission Appeals Committee will be composed of three or more school administrators, none of whom may be on the staff of the school from which the student charged or denied admission is enrolled or is eligible for enrollment. The designee of the superintendent will serve as the investigator, convener and administrative officer of the committee, but shall not vote.

B. Duties and powers

The School Admission Appeals Committee will hear, consider and make recommendations on all cases heard by the committee. By majority vote, the School Admission Appeals Committee shall approve or disapprove the admissions of a student, concur in the suspension and confirm or specify the duration of same, remove the suspension or recommend expulsion to the Capital City Alternative School to the superintendent, subject to an appeal to the board if requested in writing by the student and parent or legal guardian. The committee may establish any limiting factors governing readmission, if readmission is to be permitted for the student. A written summary of each case will be made.

All aspects, circumstances, and records of the case will be confidential and available only to authorized school officials dealing directly with the student or to parents, legal guardian or attorneys for the student or for the board. The committee is empowered to suspend a student for no more than 20 consecutive school days. The board reserves power to take final action on any case involving the suspension of a student for more than 20 consecutive school days or expulsion.

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