

POLICY TITLE: APPEALS AND HEARINGS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION		
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POLICY/PROCEDURE MANUAL SUMMARY CATEGORY: School System Governance		

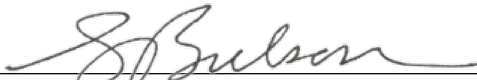
I. Purpose

The Annotated Code of Maryland, Education Article, Sections 4-205, 6-202, 6-203, and 7-305 govern all appeals to the Harford County Board of Education (the “Board”) of matters involving a final decision of the Superintendent or a recommendation by the Superintendent. In appeals taken pursuant to these sections of the Education Article, as well as under COMAR 13A.08.01.11, the Board is exercising its quasi-judicial authority on matters involving: the rules and regulations of the Board of the proper administration of the school system; suspension and dismissal of professional personnel; and extended suspension and expulsion of students. This policy, and its affiliated procedure, do not apply to: conferences or other informal investigations or proceedings where no formal ruling or decision is made; hearings and decisions governed by other procedures required by State or Federal Law, COMAR Title 13A (State Board of Education bylaws), or policies of the Board; or proceedings solely governed by provision of the negotiated agreements between the Board and its employee organizations. This policy affirms the Board’s commitment to compliance with the aforementioned laws and regulations.

II. Policy Statement

To ensure compliance with all applicable laws concerning a right to appeal, the Board has summarized the pertinent statutes and regulations in an affiliated procedure titled “Appeals and Hearings” and available at www.hcps.org/boe/policiesprocedures. The procedure outlines the matters that may be appealed, the timeline and associated requirements for noting an appeal, how the Board reviews and decides appeals, opportunities for appeals before a hearing examiner or an arbitrator, and other information intended to inform individuals of their appeal rights. The Board shall be notified of substantive changes to the procedure.

Board Approval Acknowledged By:


Sean W. Bulson, Ed.D., Superintendent

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<i>THIS POLICY REPLACES 22-0018-000 TITLED HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY OR THE HEARING EXAMINER</i>	

LEGAL REFERENCES

All references are to specific federal or Maryland statutes or regulations. References are provided for convenience and informational purposes only and are not to be considered as exhaustive or as precluding Harford County Public Schools from relying upon any other statutes or regulations in support of a policy.