

## **STUDENT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES**

The School Committee recognizes that there may be conditions in the Hull Public Schools that are in need of improvement and that students should have some means by which their concerns may be effectively expressed, considered, and dealt with fairly. Such means, if well conceived and understood in advance, can do much to maintain harmonious relationships among the schools and the students and community.

The traditional "open door" policy in the Hull Public Schools will be continued. Students (and their parents and/or guardians) who believe that the students have received unfair treatment in the form of a suspension of more than 10 consecutive days will have the right to appeal. School officials in conducting hearings and reviews of student grievances will follow any applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws or federal law. In general, appeals procedures will begin with the authority imposing the penalty (for example, Principal or teacher) and may ultimately be referred to the Superintendent.

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