

Working Together

Decisions by the District Student Intervention Committee

In Burnaby Schools, we are committed to promoting well-being for all. We have a duty to provide a safe learning community for students and staff.

For serious matters, a student may be referred to the District Student Intervention Committee. A parent or guardian may not always agree with the decision of the District Student Intervention Committee. The Burnaby School District has a process to guide your appeal.



INVOLVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT STUDENT INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

What is the District Student Intervention Committee?

In order to ensure there is a structure in place to facilitate intervention with students, the Burnaby Board of Education established the District Student Intervention Committee. The Committee's membership includes: the Managing Director, Safe and Caring Schools; the Coordinator, Student Intervention; a school administrator appointed by the Burnaby Principals and Vice-Principals Association; and, a teacher appointed by the Burnaby Teachers' Association.

How does a student get referred to the Committee?

When a student has been suspended by the Principal for investigations that involve police (such as for an act of violence, threat or intimidation) and/or the act is deemed to interfere with our ability to provide a safe school climate, the student is referred to the District Student Intervention Committee.

How do I learn the Committee's decision?

The Committee will carefully consider the entire circumstance and present their decision to the student and parent or guardian.

What if I disagree with the decision reached by the Committee?

If the parent or guardian disagrees with the decision of the District Student Intervention Committee, they should first meet with an Assistant Superintendent to present their rationale in opposition to the decision. If the conversation with the Assistant Superintendent doesn't resolve the parent or guardian's concerns, they can formally request an appeal to the Burnaby Board of Education. The appeal request must be put in writing and filed with the Superintendent.

Steps To Appeal a Decision

Contact the School District (see back) to meet with an Assistant Superintendent to present your rationale in opposition to the decision.

Meet with an Assistant Superintendent to present your rationale regarding why you oppose the decision.

If your concerns can't be resolved, you can request in writing to the Superintendent (see back) for the Board to hear an appeal.

The appeal is held in camera (private meeting) by the Burnaby Board of Education in Committee of the Whole.

The Board makes its final decision.

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