

# Expulsion Appeals FAQ's

## **What is the County Board of Education's role in an expulsion appeal?**

It is not the County Board's role to agree or disagree with the district's decision to expel. The County Board's scope is limited to determining if the pupil's due process rights were violated which resulted in an unfair hearing. An appeal before the County Board is NOT a rehearing, but rather a procedural review of the transcripts of the original expulsion hearing to determine if all concerned received a fair hearing.

## **My child was expelled from his/her district. How long do I have to appeal to the County Board?**

The pupil, parent, or guardian has the right to file an appeal of expulsion to the Tuolumne County Board of Education within thirty (30) calendar days after the local district's decision to expel the pupil. If thirty (30) days have passed since the date of the expulsion, the County Board does not have jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

## **I would like to file an appeal. What should I do?**

Within thirty (30) calendar days of the district's decision to expel, the pupil or person having legal custody of the pupil may file an appeal by submitting a letter to the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office at 175 Fairview Lane, Sonora, CA 95370. The letter may be delivered in person or by mail. The letter must contain the following information:

- Name and grade of the expelled student
- Contact address and telephone number of the student and/or parent/guardian
- Name of respondent school board
- Date of respondent school board's action to expel student
- Ground(s) on which appeal is based which relates to one or more of the conditions described in Board Policy 5144.3

In addition, the appellant shall submit to the County Board, a certified copy of the written transcripts and supporting documents of the proceedings before the school district.

## **I have more questions. Whom should I contact?**

It is recommended that you read the Tuolumne County Board of Education's Board Policy 5144.3 (Expulsion Appeals). You may direct any questions to the Tuolumne County Superintendent of Schools Office at 209-536-2009.