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hair, so long as the symbolic expression does not unreasonably and in fact disrupt the educational process or endanger the health and safety of the student or others.

(f) The right to freedom of the press, except where material in student publications is libelous, slanderous, or obscene.

(g) The right to peaceably assemble and to petition the redress of grievances.

(h) The right to freedom from discrimination.

(i) The right to due process. Every student is entitled to due process in every instance of disciplinary action for alleged violation of school regulations for which the student may be subjected to penalties of suspension, expulsion, or transfer.

§ 42.4 Due process.

Due process shall include:

(a) Written notice of charges within a reasonable time prior to a hearing. Notice of the charges shall include reference to the regulation allegedly violated, the facts alleged to constitute the violation, and notice of access to all statements of persons relating to the charge and to those parts of the student's school record which will be considered in rendering a disciplinary decision.

(b) A fair and impartial hearing prior to the imposition of disciplinary action absent the actual existence of an emergency situation seriously and immediately endangering the health or safety of the student or others. In an emergency situation the official may impose disciplinary action not to exceed a temporary suspension, but shall immediately thereafter report in writing the facts (not conclusions) giving rise to the emergency and shall afford the student a hearing which fully comports with due process, as set forth herein, as soon as practicable thereafter.

(c) The right to have present at the hearing the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) (or their designee) and to be represented by lay or legal counsel of the student's choice. Private attorney's fees are to be borne by the student.

(d) The right to produce, and have produced, witnesses on the student's

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behalf and to confront and examine all witnesses.

(e) The right to a record of hearings of disciplinary actions, including written findings of fact and conclusions in all cases of disciplinary action.

(f) The right to administrative review and appeal.

(g) The student shall not be compelled to testify against himself.

(h) The right to have allegations of misconduct and information pertaining thereto expunged from the student's school record in the event the student is found not guilty of the charges.

§ 42.5 Application to schools under Bureau contract.

Non-Bureau of Indian Affairs schools which are funded under contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs must also recognize these student rights.

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