

<h1>SEVEN GENERATIONS CHARTER SCHOOL</h1>	SECTION: PROGRAMS
	TITLE: 160 – BOARD HEARING OFFICER
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Policy	<p>The Board of Trustees (“Board”) of the Seven Generations Charter School (“Seven Generations”) recognizes the necessity of ensuring due process to all students engaged in formal disciplinary hearing proceedings. To ensure that any Board member appointed to preside over a formal hearing is sufficiently qualified, the Board sets forth the following minimum standards for qualification.</p>
Delegation of Responsibility	<p>A Seven Generations Board member appointed to preside over any formal disciplinary hearing shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Be impartial, disinterested, and objective including, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Having no financial or personal interest in the outcome of the hearing; and 2) Having no prior involvement with the child, whether personally or professionally; B) Have the ability to communicate effectively; C) Understand the role of the hearing officer in formal disciplinary proceedings; D) Be familiar with federal and Pennsylvania law regarding discipline of both regular education students and special education students; E) Understand school policies and the School Student Code of Conduct as they relate to discipline; F) Have the ability to objectively analyze the evidence presented by all parties in accordance with federal and Pennsylvania law, as well as relevant policies, to develop a recommendation for discipline that will be presented to the Board of Trustees; G) Recite an Oath of Office reflecting their acceptance of the responsibilities of their role. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Before entering upon the duties of their office each hearing officer shall take and subscribe to the following oath or affirmation,

which may be administered by any one qualified to administer an oath:

OATH FOR HEARING OFFICERS

“I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties as a duly appointed expulsion hearing officer with fidelity.”

Every member of the Board is qualified and authorized to serve as a hearing examiner during the school year and extended school year.