

Public Complaints

No staff, student, parent or community member will be denied the right to petition the Board for redress of a grievance, grievances will be referred through the proper administrative process for resolution before investigation or action by the Board. Exceptions are complaints that involve Board actions or Board operations.

The Board advises the public that there is a proper process for resolving complaints including, but not limited to, concerns in the following areas:

1. Instruction;
2. Discipline;
3. Learning materials; or
4. Retaliation against a student or a student's parent who in good faith reported information that the student believes is evidence of a violation of state and federal law, rule or regulation.

Community members, staff, parents and students who have a complaint are encouraged to start at the lowest level in the organization to attempt to resolve the complaint.

The following order will be used unless otherwise identified (see administrative regulation KL-AR - Public Complaint Procedure for specific procedures and timelines):

1. Teacher/Employee;
2. Head Teacher;
3. Board.

Any complaint about school personnel other than the head teacher will be investigated by the head teacher before consideration and action by the Board. The Board will not hear complaints against employees in a session open to the public unless an employee requests an open session.

Complaints against the head teacher may be filed with the Board. Complaints against the district clerk should be filed with the Board. Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member should be made to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. Complaints against the Board chair may be made directly to the Board vice chair on behalf of the Board.

The head teacher will develop and administer the general complaint process, as appropriate.

If a complaint alleges a violation of state standards or a violation of other statutory or administrative rule for which the State Superintendent of Public Instruction has appeal responsibilities, and the complaint is not resolved at the local level, the district will supply the complainant with appropriate information to file a direct appeal to the State Superintendent as outlined in Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 581-022-1940.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.610 to -192.690](#)
[ORS 332.107](#)

[OAR 581-022-1940](#)
[OAR 581-022-1941](#)

House Bill (HB) 3371 (2015)

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984).
Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

Cross Reference(s):

IIA - Instructional Resources/Instructional Materials