

Public Complaints

Members of the public, parents, staff and students are encouraged to make their concerns known to the district and to give the district an opportunity to review those concerns and respond to them.

Complaints about instructional materials, staff members, alleged violation of state standards or 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, should approach the principal and, if possible, resolve the problems at this level.

The complainant must follow the complaint procedure as outlined in administrative regulation KL-AR - Public Complaint Procedure.

Complaints about Board policy or administrative regulations should be referred directly to the superintendent.

Complaints against the principal may start at Step 3 and be filed with the superintendent.

Complaints against the superintendent may start at Step 4 and be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member may start at Step 4 and be made to the Board chair on behalf of the Board.

Complaints against the Board chair may start at Step 4 and be made directly to the Board vice chair on behalf of the Board.

When a complaint is made directly to the Board or to an individual Board member, it will generally be referred to the superintendent for evaluation and possible investigation. A Board member shall not attempt to consider such complaints in any official capacity acting as an individual Board member.

If the person(s) having a complaint fails to resolve the concern with the principal or the superintendent, the person may request that the matter be referred to the Board. If the Board deems it advisable, it may provide for a hearing of the complaint at an official meeting of the Board.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations designed to encourage the timely resolution of public complaints while providing a system of review which will allow both the complainant and other affected parties an opportunity to be heard.

If a complainant, who is a parent or guardian of a student who attends school in the district, is a student or a person who resides in the district, alleges a violation of Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 581, Division 22 (Standards), Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 339.285 to 339.383 or OAR 581-021-0550 to 581-021-0570 (Restraint and Seclusion) or ORS. 659.852 (Retaliation) and the complaint is not resolved through the complaint process, the complainant may have appeal rights with the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction as outlined in OAR 581-002-0040 (See KL-AR(2) - Appeal to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction).

If the complaint alleges discrimination pursuant to ORS 659.850 (Discrimination) and the complaint is not resolved at the local level through administrative regulation AC-AR - Discrimination Complaint Procedure, the complaint may meet the criteria to file an appeal with the Superintendent of Public Instruction as outlined in OAR 581-021-0049.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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

[ORS 659.852](#)

[OAR 581-022-2370](#)

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 Materials Used in the Schools