

Discrimination Complaint Procedure

Complaints regarding discrimination or harassment, on any basis protected by law, shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:

Step 1: Complaints may be oral or in writing and must be filed with the superintendent. The superintendent shall investigate and determine the action to be taken, if any, and reply in writing, to the complainant within 10 school days of receipt of the complaint.

Any staff member that receives a written or oral complaint shall report the complaint to the superintendent.

Step 2: If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent, a written appeal may be filed with the Board within five school days of receipt of the superintendent's response to Step 1. The Board may decide to hear or deny the request for appeal. The Board may meet with the concerned parties and their representative at the next regular or special Board meeting. The Board's decision will be final and will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the Board's decision. A copy of the Board's final decision shall be sent to the complainant in writing or electronic form within 10 days of this meeting.

If the superintendent is the subject of the complaint, the complaint may start at step 2 and should be referred to the Board chair.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member may start at step 2 and should be made to the Board chair and may be referred to ESD counsel. Complaints against the Board chair may start at step 2 and may be made directly to the Board vice chair.

Timelines may be extended based upon mutual consent of both parties.

If the complainant, is a person who resides in the ESD, is a parent or guardian of a student who attends a school operated by the ESD or is a student, is not satisfied after exhausting local complaint procedures, or 90 days, whichever occurs first, he/she may appeal in writing to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-021-0049.

DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT FORM

Name of Person Filing Complaint Date School or Activity

Student/Parent Employee Nonemployee (Job applicant) Other _____

Type of discrimination: Race Color Religion
 Sex National Origin Disability
 Marital Status Age Sexual Orientation
 Other _____

Specific complaint: (Please provide detailed information including names, dates, places, activities and results of informal discussion.)

Who should we talk to and what evidence should we consider? _____

Suggested solution/resolution/outcome: _____

This complaint form should be mailed or submitted to the superintendent.

Direct complaints related to educational programs and services may be made to the U. S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. Direct complaints related to employment may be filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division, or the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.