

# Multnomah Education Service District

Code: **KL**  
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## Public Complaints

Complaints are handled and resolved as close to their origin as possible.

Although no community member will be denied the right to petition the Board for redress of a grievance, complaints will be referred through the proper administrative channels for solution before investigation or action by the Board. Exceptions are complaints that concern Board actions or Board operations.

The Board advises the public that the proper channeling of complaints involving instruction, discipline or learning materials is as follows:

1. Teacher;
2. Building principal;
3. Superintendent;
4. Board.

Any complaint about MESD personnel will be investigated by the administration before consideration and action by the Board. The Board will not hear charges against employees in open session unless an employee requests an open session.

While speakers may offer objective criticism of operations and programs, the Board will not hear personal complaints concerning MESD personnel nor against any person connected with MESD. To do so could expose the Board to a charge of being party to slander and would prejudice any necessity to act as the final review of administrative recommendations regarding the matter. The Board chair will direct the visitor to the appropriate means for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals.

END OF POLICY

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### Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.610 - 192.690](#)

[ORS 334.125\(7\)](#)

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

### Cross Reference:

Policy KLD – Public Complaints about MESD Personnel