

Public Complaints

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

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

1. Instruction;
2. Discipline or;
3. Learning materials; or
4. Retaliation against a student or 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. Principal;
3. Superintendent;
4. Board.

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

Complaints against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Complaints against the superintendent shall be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member shall be made to the Board chair on behalf of the Board and may be referred to district counsel. Complaints against the Board chair shall be made directly to the Board vice chair on behalf of the Board and may be referred to district counsel.

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, then the district will supply the complainant with appropriate information in order to file a direct appeal to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction 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