

Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure

Building principals and the superintendent have responsibility for investigations concerning sexual harassment. The investigator shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the complaint presented.

- Step I Any sexual harassment complaint shall be presented to the building principal or superintendent. All such complaints shall be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the sexual harassment and corresponding dates.
- Step II The district official receiving the complaint or designee shall promptly initiate an investigation. He/She will arrange such meetings as may be necessary to discuss the complaint with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the complaint. All findings of the investigation, including the response of the alleged harasser, shall be reduced to writing. The district official conducting the investigation shall notify the complainant in writing when the investigation is concluded.
- A copy of the notification letter, together with any other documentation related to the sexual harassment incident, will be forwarded to the superintendent.
- Step III If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step II, he/she may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step II decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the complainant and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days.
- Step IV If the complainant is not satisfied with the superintendent's or designee's decision, a written appeal may be filed with the Board within 10 working days after receipt of the Step III decision. The Board shall, within 20 working days, conduct a hearing at which time the complainant shall be given an opportunity to present the appeal. The Board shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days following completion of the hearing.

Direct complaints related to employment may be filed with the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry; Direct complaints may be made to the Regional Civil Rights Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Region X, 915 2nd Ave., Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099.

All documentation related to sexual harassment complaints may become part of the student's education record or employee's personnel file as appropriate. Additionally, a copy of all sexual harassment complaints and documentation will be maintained as a confidential file and stored in the district office.

The superintendent shall report the name of any person holding a teaching license or participating in a practicum under OAR 584-015-0070 or 584-016-1075 when, after appropriate investigation, there is reasonable cause to believe the person may have committed an act of sexual harassment. Reports shall be made to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission within 30 days of such a finding. Sexual contact with a student shall also be considered a reportable offense. In the event the superintendent is the subject of the investigation, reports, when required, shall be made by the Board chair.