

### **Public Complaints Regrading Curriculum or Instructional Materials**

It is the policy of the Board to provide an orderly process for receiving and responding to complaints about or other challenges to the programs and services of the district, and the superintendent shall assist the Board to develop and use a process designed to implement this policy.

The Board recognizes that classroom activities are such that honest differences of opinion among students, their parents, and district personnel may develop regarding the content of textbooks and the information that district personnel may provide and discuss in class, and that similar differences may arise regarding the policies and procedures of the Board and administration.

1. The teacher's role is to help the student develop ideas and to serve as an impartial guide.
2. The student has freedom to express differences and to defend positions as he/she acquires skills in critical thinking needed by an effective citizen.

In cases of conflict:

1. The superintendent and staff will make every effort to provide ample opportunity for students and members of the public to discuss district programs and procedures.
2. The superintendent will provide an opportunity for an "informal" hearing on a matter that is not otherwise settled by staff.
3. The Board will provide an opportunity for appeal to the Board when prior efforts have not resolved the issue.
4. The Board will provide an appropriate hearing at which time all the protections of due process shall be observed. A third party hearing officer may be used.
5. The decision of the Board shall be final, except for possible appeal to appropriate courts as provided by law.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 192.610 - 192.690](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

[OAR 581-022-1940](#)

Anderson v. Central Point School District No. 6, 554 F. Supp. 600 (D. Oregon 1982); affd in part, 746 F.2d 505 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1984).  
Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).

**Cross Reference(s):**

IIAC - Library Materials Selection and Adoption