

STUDENT COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES

The Board of Education acknowledges that students will come in conflict with each other and with the staff and administration from time to time. The school district is presented with a unique opportunity to provide students with a model for how to register complaints and resolve differences in a respectful and equitable manner. A student shall have the right to present complaints and grievances* in accordance with procedures free from coercion, interference, restraint, discrimination or reprisal.

One source of student complaint can be disciplinary action. The code of conduct outlines the procedures for redressing grievances associated with the administration of discipline. Building Principals are responsible for ensuring that appeal procedures are incorporated into discipline codes, explained to all students, and provided to all parents on an annual basis.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish regulations and procedures for presenting problems or appealing decisions which affect individual students, in accordance with applicable statutory requirements, and for the resolution of complaints or grievances which may affect the student body.

Issue	Policy (policy number)
Civil rights; discrimination	Equal Opportunity (0100)
Disciplinary matters	Code of Conduct (5300)
District policies and practices	Student government and/or Complaints from the Public (1400)
Due process	Code of Conduct (5300)
Free speech	School-Sponsored Student Expression (5220); Student Personal Expression (5225)
Privacy (lockers, searches)	Code of Conduct (5300)
School practices and environment	Student government and/or Complaints from the Public (1400)
Sexual harassment	Sexual Harassment (0110)
Student educational records	Student Records (5500)
Student rights and responsibilities	Code of Conduct (5300)
Teachers	Complaints from the Public (1400)

*Students alleging a violation of Title IX (sex discrimination) or Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (discrimination based on disability) should consult policy and regulation 0100, Equal Opportunity for a description of the complaint process.

Cross-ref: 0100, Equal Opportunity, 5020.3, Students with Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504, 5300, Code of Conduct

Ref: Education Law §3214

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