

Discrimination Complaint Procedure

Complaints regarding discrimination or harassment, on any basis protected by law, shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:

Step 1: Complaints may be oral or in writing and must be filed with the building administrator. The building administrator shall investigate and determine the action to be taken, if any, and reply in writing, to the complainant within ten (10) school days of receipt of the complaint.

Any staff member that receives a written or oral complaint shall report the complaint to the building administrator.

Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the building administrator, the complainant must submit a written appeal to the superintendent within five (5) school days after receipt of the building administrator's response to the complaint.

The superintendent shall review the building administrator's decision within five (5) school days and may meet with all parties involved. The superintendent will review the merits of the complaint and the administrator's decision. The superintendent will respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) school days.

Step 3: If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent, a written appeal must be filed with the Board within five (5) school days of receipt of the superintendent's response to Step 2. The Board may decide to hear or deny the request for appeal at a Board meeting. If the Board decides to hear the appeal, the Board may meet with the concerned parties and their representative at the next regular or special Board meeting. The Board's decision will be final and will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the Board's decision. A copy of the Board's final decision shall be sent to the complainant, in writing or electronic form, within ten (10) days of this meeting.

If the building administrator is the subject of the complaint, the individual may start at Step 2 and should file a complaint with the superintendent.

If the superintendent is the subject of the complaint, the complaint may start at Step 3 and should be referred to the Board Chair. The Board may refer the investigation to a third party.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member, may start at step 3 and should be submitted to the Board Chair and may be referred to district counsel. Complaints against the Board Chair may start at Step 3 and be referred directly to the Board Vice Chair.

The time lines established in each step of this procedure may be extended upon mutual consent of the district and the complainant in writing but will not be longer than 30 days from the date of the submission of the complaint at any step. The overall time line of this complaint procedure may be extended beyond 90 days from the initial filing of the complaint upon written mutual consent of the district and the complainant.

If the complainant is a person who resides in the district, is a parent or guardian of a student who attends school in the district or is a student, is not satisfied after exhausting local complaint procedures, or the district fails to render a written decision within 30 days of the submission of the complaint at any step or fails to resolve the complaint within 90 days of the initial filing of the complaint, he/she may appeal the district's final decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-002-0001 to 002-0023.