

Public Complaint Procedure

A parent or guardian of a student attending a school in the district, or a person who resides in the district, a staff member, or a student who wishes to express a concern should discuss the matter with the school employee involved.

The Administrator: Step One

If the individual is unable to resolve a problem or concern with the employee, the individual may file a written, signed complaint with the principal within five working days of the employee's response. The principal shall evaluate the complaint and render a decision within five (5) working days after receiving the complaint.

The Superintendent: Step Two

If Step One does not resolve the complaint, within ten (10) working days of the written response from the principal, the complainant, may file a written, signed complaint with the superintendent clearly stating the nature of the complaint and a suggested remedy.

The superintendent shall investigate the complaint, confer with the complainant and the parties involved, prepare a report of his/her findings and conclusion, and provide the report in writing or in an electronic form to the complainant within ten (10) working days after receiving the written complaint.

The Board: Step Three

If the complainant is dissatisfied with the superintendent's finding and conclusion, the complainant may appeal the decision to the Board within five working days of receiving the superintendent's decision. The Board will review the findings and conclusion of the superintendent in a public meeting to determine what action is appropriate. The Board may use executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. Appropriate action may include, but is not limited to, holding a hearing, requesting additional information, and adopting the superintendent's decision, as the district's final decision. All parties involved, including the school administration, may be asked to attend such hearing for the purposes of making further explanations and clarifying the issues.

If the Board chooses not to hear the complaint, the superintendent's decision in Step Two is final.

The complainant shall be informed in writing or in electronic form of the Board's decision within twenty (20) days from the hearing of the appeal by the Board. The Board's decision will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the district's decision. The Board's decision will be final.

The time lines may be extended upon written agreement between the district and the complainant.

The district's final decision for a complaint processed under this administrative regulation that alleges a violation of OAR Chapter 581, Division 22 Standards, ORS 339.285 to 339.383 or OAR 581-021-0550 to 581-021-0570 Restraint and Seclusion or ORS 659.852 Retaliation, will be issued in writing or electronic form. The final decision will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the district decision. If the complainant who is a student, parent or guardian of a student attending school in the district or a person that resides in the district, and this complaint is not resolved through the complaint process, the complainant may appeal the district's final decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction as outlined in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-022-0023.

Complaints against the principal should be filed with the superintendent. The superintendent will attempt to resolve the complaint. If the complaint remains unresolved within ten (10) working days of receipt by the superintendent, the complainant may request to place the complaint of the Board agenda at the next regularly scheduled or special Board meeting. The Board may use executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. The Board shall decide, within twenty (20) days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. A final written decision regarding the complaint shall be issued by the Board within ten (10) days. The written decision of the Board will address each allegation in the complaint and reasons for the district's decision.

Complaints against the superintendent should be referred to the Board Chair on behalf of the Board. The Board Chair shall present the complaint to the Board in a Board meeting. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. The Board shall decide within twenty (20) days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. The Board may use executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. A final written decision regarding the complaint shall be issued by the Board within ten (10) days. The written decision of the Board will address each allegation in the complaint and reasons for the district's decision.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member should be referred to the Board Chair on behalf of the Board. The Board Chair shall present the complaint to the Board in a Board meeting. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. The Board shall decide, within twenty (20) days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. A final written decision regarding the complaint shall be issued by the Board within ten (10) days. The written decision of the Board will address each allegation in the complaint and reasons for the district's decision.

Complaints against the Board Chair may be referred directly to the Board Vice-Chair on behalf of the Board. The Board Vice-Chair shall present the complaint to the Board in a

Board meeting. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. The Board shall decide, within twenty (20) days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. A final written decision regarding the complaint shall be issued by the Board within ten (10) days. The written decision of the Board will address each allegation in the complaint and reasons for the district's decision.