

**STUDENT COMPLAINTS**

The Board of Education believes it is necessary that students be made aware of the behavior that is expected of them, as outlined in district policies on school conduct and discipline. Building Principals are responsible for ensuring that appeal procedures are incorporated into discipline codes and/or student handbooks, explained to all students, and provided to all parents on an annual basis.

The Board encourages students to be active participants in the educational process. The Board strives to provide students with a sound educational environment, ensure that all students are treated fairly, and afford students the due process protections they are entitled to under the law. The Board understands that there may be times when students do not agree with school practices or feel as though they have been treated unfairly.

Many concerns about school practices can and should be addressed through the student council. Student handbooks may also provide valuable information. For other issues, the district has different channels for resolution of complaints, depending on the nature of the complaint. Understanding the Board policy on an issue is the first step towards resolving any complaints. Students are urged to follow the established Board policy, but should always feel free to discuss concerns with any school staff member or the Building Principal. School staff and administrators are expected to work with students toward an amicable resolution of the issue.

Issue	Policy (policy number)
Civil rights; discrimination	Equal Opportunity (0100)
Disciplinary matters	Code of Conduct (5300)
District policies and practices	Complaints from the Public (1400) and/or the student government
Due process	Code of Conduct (5300)
Free speech	School-Sponsored Student Expression (5220); Student Personal Expression (5225)
Harassment, hazing, bullying	Harassment, Hazing and Bullying (0115)
Privacy (lockers, searches)	Code of Conduct (5300)

Issue	Policy (policy number)
School practices and environment	Complaints from the Public (1400) and/or the student government
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)

Cross-ref: 0100, Equal Opportunity  
0110, Sexual Harassment  
0115, Harassment, Hazing and Bullying  
1400, Complaints from the Public  
5220, School-Sponsored Student Expression  
5225, Student Personal Expression  
5300, Code of Conduct  
5500, Student Records

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