

**GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE
SEX DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT**

It is the policy of the Board of Education that the superintendent shall serve as Title IX coordinator for this school district. The superintendent shall direct the implementing of educational amendments and regulations as they pertain to prohibition of sex discrimination in education or sexual harassment, and shall prepare a regulation governing sex discrimination/harassment grievance procedures.

The board shall appoint on a periodic basis a sex discrimination/harassment grievance committee which shall consist of an administrator, a parent, and a member of the certified teaching staff.

This Grievance Procedure policy and the accompanying regulations will be provided to students and parents each year.

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(REGULATION)**

In accordance with the policy of the board of education, the following regulation governs the processing of student sexual harassment grievances in this school district.

1. Any student of this school district who wishes to file a sexual harassment grievance against another student or an employee of the district may file a written or oral (recorded if possible) complaint with the superintendent, principal, or counselor. The administrator taking the complaint will document the time, place, complainant, and incident and immediately forward the complaint to the grievance committee. The grievance committee will appoint a senior administrator to investigate the grievance. The grievance shall set forth the circumstances of the incident and the identity of the student(s) or employee(s) involved.
2. The superintendent, or appointed administrator, shall initiate an investigation of the incident and shall protect the confidentiality of the grievant.
3. The investigation shall be completed within ten days of the filing of the grievance. Results of the investigation, along with recommendations and suggestions, shall be shared with the grievant, unless it violates another student's confidentiality.
4. If the grievant believes the issues are not resolved after considering the recommendations and suggestions of the assistant superintendent or the investigating administrator, the grievant may request a hearing by the grievance committee.
5. Upon receiving a request for a hearing, the grievance committee shall schedule the hearing to occur within twenty days from the date of the request.
6. Both the grievant and the person against whom the complaint was made (respondent) may be represented by legal counsel at the hearing.
7. Within ten days of the hearing, the grievance committee shall furnish a written report of its findings and recommendations to both the grievant and the respondent while maintaining confidentiality.
8. The superintendent shall, within five days of the receipt of the grievance committee's report, act upon the recommendations of the committee or furnish a written report to the grievant explaining why the recommendations will not be implemented.
9. Upon receipt of the superintendent's report, the grievant may file a written appeal with the board of education. The board of education shall, within thirty days from the date the appeal was received, review the report and affirm, overrule, or modify the decision of the grievance committee.