

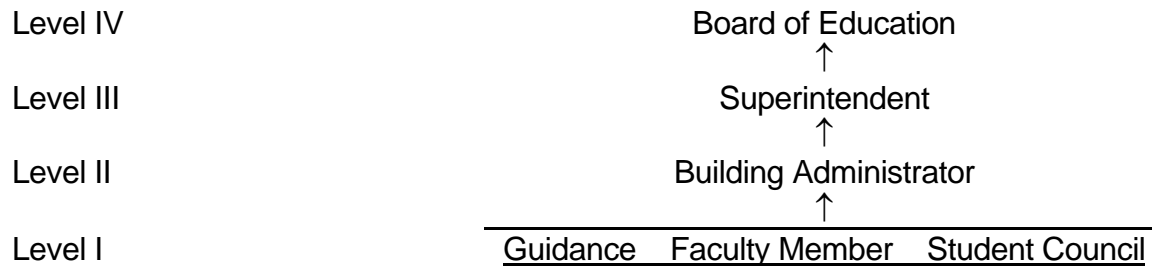
**STUDENT RIGHTS**  
**DISCUSSION AND APPEAL PROCEDURES NOT REGARDING DISCIPLINE**

1. Students shall have the right to participate in recommending procedures through which discussion of student problems and concern can be handled.
2. Students shall have the right to discuss with faculty members matters of both educational and personal concern. This informal and private process should be followed in order to resolve differences and problems in a friendly and cooperative manner.
3. Students shall have the right to appeal in writing matters of educational and personal concern to the school principal should discussion with the staff members not resolve the issue.
4. The right of appeal regarding educational and personal problems shall extend to the school superintendent and the local board of education.

It is the purpose of discussion and appeal procedures to provide access to appropriate school officials within a reasonable time. It is not the purpose to provide a forum through which trivialities, irresponsible actions, and non-related school issues are conveyed. In this context it is recommended:

1. That as many student problems and concerns as possible be handled through committees established by the Student Council or Government organization or through direct communication with a staff member.
2. That only issues of utmost concern be brought before a Student-Faculty Committee for review and disposition.
3. That only unresolved issues of major importance be appealed to the school administration for consideration and action.

Procedure for the Orderly Progress of Student's Appeal



1. The student has the right to select from within his/her school a spokesman who may accompany him/her throughout his/her appeal process.
2. Level I is an informal approach to any faculty member, guidance counselor, or member of the student council. Level I appeal shall be made within 5 school days of the occurrence of the problem.
3. Level II - The school principal must receive the student's appeal in writing within five (5) school days of the Level I response. The principal must respond to this appeal within five (5) school days. If the student wishes to continue his/her appeal, he/she must within five (5) school days submit the appeal to the superintendent.
4. Level III - The superintendent after receiving the appeal must respond to the appeal within five (5) school days. The student may appeal to the Board within five (5) school days of the superintendent's decision. If the student wishes to continue his/her appeal, the superintendent must refer and arrange for a hearing with the Milford Board of Education within fifteen (15) school days.
5. Level IV - the Milford Board of Education after reviewing the appeal must respond to the appellant within five (5) days. If the student wishes to continue his/her appeal, the Board of Education shall advise the student as to procedures used to continue an appeal to the State Board of Education.

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