

Public Concerns/Complaints about Teaching Methods, Activities or Presentations

Parents/guardians or patrons are permitted to challenge the use of any teaching methods, activities, or presentations but must express such objection through the procedures outlined below:

1. The parent/guardian or patron with a concern is encouraged to meet with the appropriate staff involved.
2. If the concern is not resolved with the appropriate staff, the school administrator will hold a meeting with the complainant. A written record will be made of this meeting. Copies of the written record will be supplied to all parties involved.
3. After the initial meeting between the complainant and the school administrator, the staff involved in the challenge will be invited to attend any subsequent meetings. Written minutes will be taken of subsequent meetings. Copies of the minutes will be supplied to all parties involved.
4. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the results of the meeting(s), the school administrator will inform the complainant of the procedures outlined in this policy. The school administrator will provide a copy of the procedures and the "Citizen's Challenge or Objection to Teaching Methods, Activities or Presentations" form (i.e. Board Policy KEF-E).
5. The complainant must complete the Citizen's Challenge or Objection to Teaching Methods, Activities, or Presentations form and file it with the school administrator. The school administrator will forward the completed form, along with a report of the meeting(s) concerning the complaint, to the appropriate executive director.
6. The executive director will appoint a committee to review the complaint and report from the school administrator. The committee will include persons generally recognized as professionals in their field and whose opinions are respected in the subject area being reviewed. A citizen representative on the committee is desirable.
7. The school administrator will provide the chair of the review committee with a copy or copies or description of the methods, activities, or presentations, and the school administrator will be given an opportunity to render a professional opinion on the appropriateness of the methods, activities, or presentations utilizing supporting evidence.
8. The complainant will be given an opportunity to render an opinion on the appropriateness of the material utilizing supporting evidence.
9. Within thirty (30) school days following the receipt of the complaint form, the review committee will render its decision as to the appropriateness of the methods, activities, or presentations in question.
10. The committee, after its review, will make a recommendation to the Superintendent or designee. Copies of the determination will be supplied to all parties.
11. If the complainant or staff involved is not satisfied with the determination of the review

committee, either party may appeal to the Superintendent or designee. The Superintendent or designee will render a written decision within fifteen (15) school days.

12. If the complainant or staff involved is not satisfied with the determination of the Superintendent or designee, the party may request that the Board of Education review the decision. The Board of Education's decision shall be final.
13. If the same methods, activities, or presentations are challenged at a future date, the school administrator and the chair of the review committee will examine the previous decision in the light of new challenges. If they find any significant differences in the new challenge, the committee may again review the methods, activities, or presentations. Otherwise, the original decision will stand and a copy of the final written determination of the committee will be sent to the complainant with an explanation that the methods, activities, or presentations have been previously evaluated. If the complainant believes the challenge is different from the previous one or that significant new evidence exists, the complainant may appeal the decision to the review committee, Superintendent or designee, or Board of Education.
14. Any party may be represented by counsel at any step of this procedure.
15. Nothing herein will be deemed to modify or repeal any other policy or regulation of the school district relative to rights and expression on the part of the professional staff or students.

Complaints on other matters are governed by Policy KE, Public Concerns and Complaints, Policy KEB, Public Complaints about School Personnel, and Policy KEC, Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials.

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Cross Refs: KE, Public Concerns and Complaints
KE-R, Public Concerns and Complaints
KEB, Public Complaints about School Personnel
KEB-R, Public Complaints about School Personnel
KEC, Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials
KEC-R, Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials
KEC-E, Public Complaints about the Curriculum or Instructional Materials
(Citizen's Request for Review of Instructional Materials)
KEF-E, Public Complaints about Teaching Methods, Activities, or Presentations
(Citizen's Challenge or Objection to Teaching Methods, Activities, or Presentations)