

STUDENT GRIEVANCES

Students have both the right and the responsibility to express school-related concerns and grievances to the teachers and school administrators. The term “grievance” applies to matters which fall within the discretionary powers of the principal, Superintendent and/or Board. Any student with a personal grievance is to discuss the matter with the teacher involved. When the nature of the grievance dictates otherwise, the student, upon notifying the teacher directly involved, may request a meeting with the school principal. One faculty member of the student's choice or his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) may be present at such meeting. A grievance is defined as written claim submitted by a student of a violation, misinterpretation, or inequitable application of local Board policy, local school rules and regulations, or local administrative procedure.

In the event that the grievance cannot be settled at the school level, then the student through his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) may pursue the grievance to the Superintendent and then to the Board.

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LEGAL REF: Ala. Code § 16-11-9 (1975).