

A Parent's Guide for

Communicating Concerns

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What to do when there is a Problem at School

Raise the issue by writing, telephoning, or visiting your child's school and involving those closest to the source of the problem.

Concern and Person To Contact:

Classroom Rules/Procedures

Teacher

School Rules/Procedures

Principal

Academic

Classroom teacher, special education teacher, counselor, principal

Social

Classroom teacher, special education Teacher, counselor, principal

Health

School nurse, classroom teacher, Counselor, LESA social worker

Special Education/LESA

Teacher, case coordinator, counselor, social worker, principal, Special Education Director

Transportation/LESA

Bus driver or Director of Transportation

Non-Classroom Issues

Principal or supervisor for area of concern

Questions or Concerns?

Please use the following process:



Contact the teacher or staff member associated closest to the issue.



If unresolved. . .

Contact a Principal or Supervisor



If unresolved. . . Contact Central Office

Business/Finance—Contact if concerns are associated with operations, food service, or transportation.

Human Resources—Contact if concerns are associated with staff/personnel or safe schools.

Instruction/Curriculum—Contact if concerns are related to classroom instruction, report cards, special education, district curriculum.

Superintendent—Contact if issues are general district concerns. If you are not sure of who to contact, your call will be directed to an appropriate staff member.



If unresolved. . .

Contact the Superintendent.



If unresolved. . .

Contact the Board of Education

Problem Solving Process

Set the Tone

- Decide if you want to solve the issue
- Agree to ground rules
 - 1. Listen without interrupting
 - 2. Don't blame or use put downs
 - 3. Be honest in your discussions

Listen and Define the Concern

- What is your concern?
- Where did you get your information?
- Is the information accurate?
- Is the concern covered in the school handbook?

Identify Solutions

- Each person is to suggest at least one solution to the problem.
- Evaluate each possible solution:
 - 1. Can all parties agree with the solution?
 - 2. Is everyone committed to working on the suggested solution?
 - 3. Will the solution work now and in the future?
 - 4. Is everyone willing to share equal responsibility for making the solution work?
 - 5. Does the solution tell who, when, where and how?
- Decide which solution is good for all parties involved.

School & Department Directory

Hawkins Elementary School	Chris McAuliffe, Principal	810.299-3900
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	Patrick Borg, Principal	
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Brighton High School	Tracie Richards, Principal	
Brighton High School	Matt Evans, Principal	
Brighton High School	Nate Grabowski, Principal	
Brighton High School	John Thompson, Athletic Director	810.299.4185
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