

Community Relations

Public Complaints

General Complaint Procedures

Complaints and grievances shall be handled and resolved as close to their origin as possible.

Although no member of the community shall be denied the right to petition the Board of Education for redress of a grievance, complaints shall be referred back through the proper administrative channels for solution before investigation or action by the Board. Exceptions are complaints that concern Board actions or Board operations only.

The Board advises the public that the proper channeling of complaints involving instruction, discipline, or learning materials is as follows:

1. Teacher
2. Principal
3. Superintendent
4. Board of Education

(cf. 6160/6161 Selection of Educational Materials)

Legal Reference: *Keyishian v. Board of Regents* 385 U.S. 589. 603 (1967)

President's Council, District 25 v. Community School Board No. 25 457 F.2d 289 (1972). cert/ denied 409 U.S. 998 (1976)

Minarcini v. Strongsville City School District, 541 F. 2d 577 (6th Cir. 1976).

Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District No. 26 v. Pico, 457 U.S. 853 (1982).

Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of Education, 9/9/81).

Connecticut General Statutes

10-238 Petition for hearing by board of education.

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