

BOARD POLICY

TITLE: Student Grievance Procedure

NUMBER: 5016.5

Any student of the District who believes that he/she has been discriminated against, denied a benefit, or excluded from participation in any District education program or activity on the basis of discriminatory judgment according to Policy 5016.6 may file a written complaint with the Superintendent, who is designated by the Board as the compliance administrator. Within five working days of receipt of the complaint, the Superintendent shall cause a review of the written complaint to be conducted involving necessary personnel and the student's parents.

Within 10 working days following the complaint hearing, the Superintendent shall reply in writing with a copy of his/her decision to be forwarded to each member of the Board. If the complainant is not satisfied with the Superintendent's response, he/she may submit a written appeal to the Board indicating the nature of his/her disagreement with the response of the superintendent. At the next regular meeting of the Board, the Board shall consider the appeal.

The Board shall review all written materials concerning the complaint, shall permit the complainant and representatives of the District to address the board so that the Board may obtain a full understanding of the matter. The Board hearing will be held in public or closed session depending upon the wishes of the complainant. Within 10 days following the Board hearing, the Board shall submit in writing their response and their resolution of the matter. If the complainant is not in agreement with the board's decision, he/she may refer the complaint to the Director of the Office of Civil rights of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington, D.C.

Formal Board hearing in regard to this matter shall be conducted under the procedures outlined in Board Policy 9012.3

Title IX, Federal Regulations, ST4520USC, Section 1689

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