

Article V.C.21. Prohibition of Anti-Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy

A. Statement of Policy

Granite School District endeavors to maintain safe and supportive learning and working environments where all students and employees can be successful. free of discrimination Federal and Utah State statutes and regulations mandate and provide authority to school districts to prohibit unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation on the basis of race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity. This policy defines prohibited conduct under state and federal laws and regulations and provides administrative procedures for correcting and remedying violations.

~~It is the policy of This policy provides procedures for requesting accommodations as appropriate under the law and complaint procedures for persons who believe themselves to have been the object of improper discrimination. The policy also provides procedures the District will follow in investigating and resolving complaints.~~

B. Definitions

~~1. Auxiliary Aids: mean services or devices that enable persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills to have an equal opportunity to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of, programs or activities conducted by a governmental agency.~~

~~2. Board: means the Granite School District Board of Education.~~

~~3. Complaint: means an allegation that an action, policy, procedure, or practice violates a law or regulation listed above.~~

~~4. Complainant: means the person filing a complaint.~~

51. “Administrative review hearing” refers to the administrative process whereby a hearing officer reviews the process of an investigation and/or the findings and conclusions of an investigator to determine if the obligations of due process, federal and state laws and regulations, and this policy were met.

2. “Discrimination” refers to conduct including words, gestures, and/or other actions that unfairly disadvantages individuals based in whole or in part on that individual’s race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or because an individual conforms or fails to conform with a real or perceived stereotype.

~~Respondent: means the person alleged to have violated a law or regulation mentioned above.~~

63. “Designated District Official” refers to the person responsible at the District level for resolving complaints involving this policy and relevant the laws or regulations, mentioned above.

- ~~7. Superintendent: means the Superintendent of the Granite School District or the Superintendent's designee.~~
- ~~8. Complaint Answer: means the respondent's written statement concerning the alleged violation.~~
- ~~9. Hearing Officer: means the person assigned to conduct a hearing.~~
4. “Harassment” refers to unwelcome conduct targeted at an individual, or group of individuals, that is derisive, demeaning, or disparaging in nature and is based in whole or in part on the individual’s age, race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity, or because an individual conforms or fails to conform with a real or perceived stereotype.
5. “Protected class” refers to any individual or group of individuals protected from discrimination under federal and state laws or regulations including, but not limited to:
- a. Title IV and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, or national origin by public schools or any public program receiving federal financial assistance;
 - b. Title IX of the Education amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex;
 - c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability; and
 - d. Utah Antidiscrimination Act, which prohibits discrimination in employment practices.
6. “Retaliation” refers to any form of sanction or adverse treatment including but not limited to intimidation, reprisal, or harassment of any individual because he/she:
- a. has asserted, or assisted another individual to assert, a complaint in either a formal or informal manner with the District or with any state or federal agency;
 - b. has provided information, testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing related to a student or employee of the District; or
 - c. has engaged in another activity protected by federal or state laws and regulations.
7. “Sexual harassment” refers to unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or written communications or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- a. submission to the conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or a student's education (including any aspect of the student's participation in school-sponsored activities);
- b. submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions or a student's education (including academic performance, participation in school-sponsored activities, or any other aspect of a student's education); or
- c. the conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's employment, education, or participation in a district-sponsored activity by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning or working environment.

C. Civil Rights Laws and Designated ~~Administrative~~ District Officials

Designated District Officials who administer and enforce civil rights protections and this policy are identified as follows:

- 1. Discrimination on the basis of disability:¹
 - a. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R Part 104) relate to access by disabled individuals to all programs receiving any federal financial assistances, including schools. Director of Educational Equity, (385) 646-4205.
 - b. Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131 - 12134) and its implementing regulations (28 C.F.R. Part 35) relate to physical access to facilities of state and local government entities. Director of Educational Equity, (385) 646-4205.
- 2. Discrimination on the basis of sex or gender: Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. § 1681) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 106) relate to participation in and access to benefits of educational programing regardless of sex or gender. Director of Educational Equity, (385) 646-4205.
- 3. Discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, or religion: Title IV, VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000(d)) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 100) relate to relate to participation in programming and access to benefits of education regardless of sex or gender. Director of Educational Equity, (385) 646-4205.
- 4. Employment discrimination on the basis of age: The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (29 U.S.C. § 631) and its implementing regulations (34 C.F.R. Part 110)

¹ The Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) is not considered an anti-discrimination law and is not addressed in this policy. IDEA is a spending clause statute that requires states and public agencies to provide a free and appropriate public education to all students and dictates how education agencies provide special education, and related services to children with disabilities. The Special Education Department administers the IDEA for the District and all inquiries about the IDEA or special education should be directed to the school principal and/or the Director of Special Education.

relates to employment discrimination based on an individual's age. Director of Human Resources, (385) 646-4517.

5. Employment discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, or sex: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000(e)) relates to employment discrimination based on an individual's sex, race, color, national origin, and religion. Director of Human Resources, (385) 646-4517.

B. Prohibitions

The District prohibits discrimination, harassment (including sexual harassment), and retaliation on all district property, at all school-related or sponsored events or activities, during all educational programming, in all aspects of employment with the District, and by all District students and employees. Any student who engages in discrimination, harassment, or retaliation may be subject to discipline up to and including suspension, alternative placement, or expulsion. Any employee who engages in such behavior may be subject to discipline up to and including termination. The District shall determine the appropriate corrective action for each complaint. Any discrimination, harassment, or retaliation that may also violate state or federal criminal law shall be reported to law enforcement. Prohibitions of this policy shall be enforced for conduct occurring outside of school, school hours, or school-related activities and events if the conduct disrupts the educational environment.

1. Prohibited discrimination and harassment can generally be classified as conduct intended to exclude, harm, demean, or intimidate an individual or group of individuals based on one or more identification factors. Discriminating or harassing conduct targeted at an individual or group of individuals may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. aggressive or violent physical conduct or threats of the same;
 - b. excluding an individual(s) participation in or access to any facilities, programming, activities, employment, or other benefits offered by the District;
 - c. use of epithets, slurs, negative stereotypes, name calling, verbal abuse, and derogatory comments;
 - d. creating graffiti, drawings, or other symbolic communication with threatening messages, degrading descriptions, or stereotypical caricatures; and
 - e. unwelcome communication, jokes, stories, pictures, gestures, or displays of offensive or degrading material.
2. Sexual harassment is a sub-category of prohibited harassment that involves offensive or unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature targeted at another individual based on that individual's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or conformance/non-conformance with a real or perceived stereotype. Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. quid pro quo sexual harassment, which is a request, invitation, or demand for some type of sexual activity in exchange for grades, participation in

curricular or extracurricular activities, promotions, positive evaluation, or other favors;

- b. hostile environment sexual harassment, which is conduct that unreasonably interferes with an individual's academic or work performance or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment such as:
 - i. unwelcome or offensive public displays of affection, inappropriate touching of oneself or other, massages, etc.;
 - ii. offensive communication, leers, stares, or gestures that are sexually suggestive, sexually degrading, or imply sexual motives or intentions, such as sexual remarks or innuendoes about an individual's clothing, appearance, or activities, sexual gestures, public conversations or social media posts about sexual activities, sexual rumors, catcalls or whistles, sexually graphic messages or games; etc.;
 - iii. offensive name calling, slang, or profanity of a sexual nature;
 - iv. offensive physical contact or closeness of a sexual nature such as spanking, pinching, hugging, stalking, following, etc.;
 - v. offensive physical pranks such as touching or pulling the clothes of another, bra-snapping, "pantsing," etc.;
 - vi. offensive exposure such as "mooning" or streaking; and
 - vii. offensive written or visual displays or distribution of pornographic or sexually explicit materials such as magazines, videos, films, posters, etc.
 - c. a staff member engaging in romantic or sexually-based contact or communication with a student regardless of the age of the staff member or the student; and
 - d. unlawful sexual activity such as actual or attempted sexual abuse, sexual assault, rape, lewdness, possessing or distributing pornography, and other sexual or gender-based activities defined by Utah Criminal Code.
3. Retaliation generally takes the form of reprisal against a person who has filed a complaint or has testified, assisted, or participated in any manner in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing conducted by the District. Retaliation may include, but is not limited to, further harassment, threats, taunting, spreading rumors, unauthorized disclosure of the details of an investigation, ostracism, assault, destruction of property, or other negative conduct.

C. Reporting Procedures

- 1. Any person who witnesses or believes he/she has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, or retaliation involving a student, employee, or other person affiliated with the District may submit, personally or through a representative, a written or verbal report of the alleged prohibited conduct to school administrators or to department supervisors. If preferred for any reason, an individual may also make a report directly to a Designated District Official identified in this policy.

2. While not required, the District encourages the reporting party or complainant to use the report form attached to this policy. The form is also available from school administration, on the District website, and from the District office.
3. School administrators who receive reports or complaints shall be clearly identified and contact information shall be posted on the school's website and in other conspicuous locations.
4. Reports or complaints of sexual harassment, specifically, shall be forwarded directly to the District Compliance Officer. The District Compliance Officer can be reached in the Department of Policy and Legal Services – (385) 646-4009. Members of the District Committee for the Prohibition of Sexual Harassment may also receive reports or complaints of sexual harassment. The committee will conduct investigations and report findings and conclusion directly to the Superintendent. If the report involves the District Equity Officer or other member of the committee, the report may be filed directly with the Superintendent.
5. If concerns cannot be resolved at the school or District levels, complaints may be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, Region VIII, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80204.
6. It is the duty of every student and every District employee to report violations, or alleged violations of this policy. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.
7. Good faith submission of a complaint or report of ~~sexual of discrimination,~~ harassment, or retaliation will not adversely affect the individual's future participation in school programs or activities, grades, employment, or work assignments.
8. Alternatively, ~~b~~Because false accusations of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation can have a serious detrimental effect on innocent parties, false and/or malicious complaints may subject the complainant to discipline.
9. A complaint shall ~~must~~ be filed within 180 calendar days of the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory action. The District may extend this time limitation at its sole discretion.

D. Investigating and Correcting Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation

Granite School District will promptly investigate all complaints of discrimination and harassment and administer appropriate discipline to any student or employee who violates this policy. The District will also take appropriate steps to eliminate the discrimination or harassment, address its effects, and prevent the discrimination or harassment from recurring.

1. Investigations of matters that pertain to allegations of civil rights violations shall be conducted by District administrators trained to conduct such investigations. The District Compliance Officer shall provide investigation support and training. The District Compliance Officer shall also chair the District Sexual Harassment

Committee, which is tasked specifically with investigating matters involving sexual harassment. Investigations may also be conducted by a designated third-party investigator at the District's discretion.

2. The investigator shall conduct a thorough, prompt, and impartial investigation allowing all parties to provide information, proffer evidence (directly or through witness statements), and offer explanations and rebuttals of the allegations made. The investigation shall include gathering information and evidence from all relevant parties including taking written statements from and/or interviewing the complainant, the individuals against whom the complainant filed, and others who have knowledge of the alleged incident(s) or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The investigation may also consist of any other appropriate investigative methods and gathering documentary evidences deemed pertinent by the investigator.
3. The District shall make findings and conclusions and take appropriate disciplinary actions only after the individual against whom the complaint was made has had an opportunity to respond fully to the allegations orally or in writing. School administrators shall work with appropriate District officials including Directors of School Accountability, Granite Police Officers, the Director of Educational Equity, the Director of Human Resources, Directors of Special Education, and the District Compliance Officer, to resolve issues at the lowest possible level working collaboratively with parents/ guardians, students, and employees.
4. Investigators shall preserve all information and evidence, including written statements, investigation notes, surveillance camera footage, photos, physical evidence, documents, correspondence, and any relevant electronic information such as text messages, videos, and social media postings.
5. In determining whether alleged conduct constitutes sexual harassment, the investigator shall consider the surrounding circumstances, the nature of the sexual advances, relationships between the parties involved, and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred.
6. At any time during or after the completion of an investigation, any conduct deemed potentially criminal shall be reported directly law enforcement; in some circumstances, it may also be appropriate to make a report to the Department of Child and Family Services (DCFS).
7. The District shall take reasonable steps to protect the complainant and witnesses during an investigation and prevent retaliation.
8. The District will respect the confidentiality of the complainant, the individual(s) against whom a complaint is made, and witnesses to the extent possible consistent with the District's legal obligations and the necessity to thoroughly investigate and take appropriate administrative action. The District retains the right to disclose the identity of parties and witnesses in appropriate circumstances.

9. Investigators shall make findings and conclusions and draft a summary report promptly. The report shall include a summary of at least the following information:
 - a. a description of the allegations made;
 - b. a description of the response to allegations;
 - c. a summary of the factual findings the investigator deems true by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - d. conclusions of the investigator regarding violations of District policies and practices (identifying the specific policies or practices) or violations of federal or state laws and regulations (identifying the laws or regulations).

10. Administrators conducting the investigation will work with their directors/supervisors and an assistant superintendent, as required, to impose appropriate discipline and a plan to eliminate, address, and prevent further discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.

11. Subsequent to an investigation, the District will take reasonable steps to correct current policies and practices, provide additional protections and supports, and increase and improve education and training as needed.

12. School or District administrators charged with investigating and/or taking administrative action will communicate the outcomes of the investigation to the complainant or the alleged victim within a reasonable time after the completion of the investigation. Maintaining current privacy laws, regulations, and policies, the administrator shall communicate steps the District will take to eliminate, address, and prevent further discrimination, harassment, or retaliation.

~~E. Complaint Filing Procedures for Parents, Guardians, Patrons, and Citizens~~

~~Complaints by parents, guardians, and patrons regarding discrimination may be filed with the Designated District Official. The District will attempt to resolve issues working collaboratively with parents, guardians, and patrons at the lowest possible level. A complaint form is attached to this policy. Alternatively, if concerns cannot be resolved at the school or District level, complaints may be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, Region VIII, US Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80204.~~

~~F. Complaint Filing Procedures for Students or District Employees~~

~~1. Complaint Filing~~

~~Any employee or student who believes that he or she has been discriminated against may personally, or through a representative, file a complaint. The building principal is the person responsible for receiving complaints of discrimination at the school level. If the complaint involves the principal, or the complainant is otherwise unwilling to notify the principal, the complaint may be filed directly with the Designated District Official. If the complaint involves the Designated District Official, the complaint shall be filed directly with the Superintendent.~~

~~The person with whom the complaint is filed shall encourage the complainant to meet with the respondent to resolve the complaint. The person with whom the complaint is filed may mediate that meeting. If the complainant refuses a meeting, the person with whom the complaint is filed shall contact the Designated District Official who will process the complaint as set out in this policy.~~

~~2. Complaint Substance~~

~~Complaints filed with a Designated District Official shall be in writing and shall provide at least the following information:~~

- ~~a. name, home address, and home and work telephone numbers of complainant;~~
- ~~b. nature and date of the alleged violation;~~
- ~~c. names of persons responsible for the alleged violation (if known); and~~
- ~~d. relevant background information.~~

~~The complaint may also include a statement of requested relief or corrective action. The form attached to this policy may be used for this purpose.~~

~~3. Complaint Forms~~

~~Complaint forms shall be available online and in each District building. Complainants may request assistance in the preparation or filing of a complaint.~~

~~4. Time Limits~~

~~A complaint must be filed within 180 calendar days of the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory action. The Designated District Official, upon a finding that the circumstances of a complaint warrant an extension, may extend this time limitation or other time limitations of this policy.~~

~~GE. Initial Complaint Processing Administrative Review~~

- ~~1. Within fifteen (15) days after receiving a summary report of the findings and conclusions of the investigator, any person impacted by the outcome of the investigation may request an administrative review hearing. Any request for an administrative review hearing must be submitted in writing to the Designated District Official identified in this policy. Failure to file a written appeal and request for an administrative review hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth above shall constitute a waiver of the right to such a hearing.~~
- ~~2. An administrative review shall be requested to determine whether the administrative procedures outlined in this policy were followed or to provide new~~

evidence that was not available during the investigation. If the request for administrative review does not introduce new evidence or allege a violation of the administrative procedures of this policy, the request shall be denied. Disagreement with the outcome of an investigation or with an investigator's findings and conclusions is not grounds for an administrative review under this policy.
Notification of Respondent

3. A request for administrative review under this section does not preclude an appeal of discipline or other administrative action by a student or employee under a separate policy or negotiated agreement.

~~The Designated District Official shall notify the respondent by personal delivery or registered mail within five (5) days of the filing of a complaint. The notice shall include a copy of this policy and advise the respondent of the responsibility to submit an answer to the complaint.~~

3. Respondent's Complaint Answer

~~receiving notice of a complaint, the respondent shall submit a written answer to the Designated District Official. The answer shall include:~~

- ~~a. affirmation or denial of each allegation in the complaint,~~
- ~~b. an indication as to the extent to which the complaint has merit,~~
- ~~c. an acceptance or rejection of relief or action requested in the complaint, if any, and~~
- ~~d. other relevant information.~~

3. Referral of Complaint to a Hearing Officer

~~Within five days of receiving respondent's complaint answer, the Designated District Official shall determine the level of hearing appropriate to the complaint and deliver the complaint to the appropriate hearing officer as determined in G(4) below. A hearing officer receiving a complaint shall be knowledgeable about laws and policies relevant to the subject matter of the complaint.~~

4. Three Administrative Review Hearing Levels

Level I: If the investigation complaint involves a single school policy or practice, or if a ~~respondent~~the alleged perpetrator or offender is assigned to a single school or department, the Designated District Official shall deliver the complaint request for an administrative review hearing to the District Compliance Officer or other appropriate ~~person~~administrator, as determined by the Designated District Official, ~~who shall then~~to act as ~~be~~ the hearing officer.

Level II: If the complaint investigation involves a district-wide policy or practice, if there are multiple respondents in multiple schools or departments, or if the

respondent is a school principal or department ~~d~~Director, the Designated District Official shall report the complaint to the Superintendent who shall then be the hearing officer.

Level III: If the complaint involves the Superintendent, the Designated District Official shall report the complaint to the Board. The Board shall designate a hearing officer in accordance with this policy.

HF. Hearings

1. Level I

- a. Within five ~~(5)~~ days of receiving ~~the complaint~~ a request to conduct a hearing, assignment, the hearing officer shall schedule an informal hearing and notify the ~~complainant and respondent~~ parties. The notice shall include a statement of procedures that will govern the conduct of the hearing. The hearing shall be held no sooner than ten (10) days, and no more than twenty (20) days after service of the notice of hearing.
- b. Persons present at the informal hearing shall include complainant, the alleged respondent (subject of the complaint), any individual requested by either party to provide assistance relevant to the consideration of the matter, and the hearing officer. The hearing officer may request the assistance of the Designated District Official or others. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply to administrative review hearings.
- c. Within ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) days after the informal hearing, the hearing officer shall issue a written decision that includes statements regarding the validity of the complaint allegations, any necessary corrective action, and the reasons upon which the decision is based. Copies of the decision shall be delivered to the ~~complainant, the respondent,~~ parties and the Designated District Official. If no written hearing decision is received by the Designated District Official within ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) days of the hearing, the Designated District Official shall, in writing, request the decision. If the written hearing decision is not received within an additional five (5) days, the Designated District Official shall refer the complaint for Level II hearing.
- d. ~~A complainant or respondent~~ Parties may appeal a decision of the hearing officer by submitting a written request for a Level II hearing to the Designated District Official within ten (10) days of receipt of the written hearing decision.

2. Level II

- a. The Superintendent shall schedule a Level II hearing within five (5) days of receiving a request from the Designated District Official. The ~~complainant and respondent~~ parties shall be notified in writing of the date, time, and location of the hearing, receive copies of materials or records

that are provided to the Superintendent that are pertinent to the hearing, and receive a statement of procedures to be followed at the hearing. The hearing shall be held no sooner than ten (10) days, and no later than twenty (20) days after service of the hearing notice.

- b. Persons present at the Level II hearing shall include the complainant, the respondent (subject of the complaint), any individual requested by either party to provide assistance relevant to the consideration of the ~~complaint~~ matter, and the Superintendent. The Superintendent may request the assistance of the Designated District Official or others.
- c. The duration of the hearing shall be allocated in equal parts to ~~the complainant and respondent~~ each party. Parties shall not be charged with time spent responding to questions posed by the Superintendent. Time will be moderated.
- d. Both parties shall have the right to present witnesses as they deem necessary to develop facts pertinent to the ~~complaint~~ matter. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply to ~~Level II~~ administrative review hearings.
- e. Within ~~five~~ ten (10) days after the Level II hearing, the Superintendent shall issue a Level II written hearing decision that includes statements regarding the validity of the ~~complaint~~ allegations, any necessary corrective action, and the reasons upon which the decision is based. Copies of the decision shall be delivered to the ~~complainant, the respondent, parties~~ parties and the Designated District Official. If no Level II written hearing decision is received by the Designated District Official within ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) days of the hearing, the Designated District Official shall, in writing, request the decision. If the written hearing decision is not received within an additional five (5) days, the Designated District Official shall refer the complaint for a Level III hearing.
- f. ~~A complainant or respondent~~ Parties may appeal a decision of the hearing officer by submitting a written request for a Level III hearing to the Designated District Official within ten days of receipt of the written Level II hearing decision.

3. Level III

- a. If a Level III hearing is necessary, the Board shall select among four alternatives:
 - i. the hearing may be conducted by the entire Board;
 - ii. the hearing may be conducted by at least three members of the Board,
 - iii. the Board may delegate hearing authority to an ad hoc hearing panel, or

- iv. the Board may delegate hearing authority to an individual hearing officer.
- b. The Board shall send written notification of the form of the hearing to the ~~Designated District Official and the complainant, and the respondent parties~~ within thirty (30) days of receipt of the request for administrative review-complaint. The Designated District Official shall schedule the hearing within five (5) days of receipt of the Board's notification. The ~~complainant and respondent parties~~ shall be notified in writing of the date, time, and location of the hearing, receive copies of materials or records which are provided to the Board which are pertinent to the hearing, and receive a statement of procedures to be followed at the hearing. The hearing shall be held no sooner than ten (10) days, and no later than twenty (20) days after service of the hearing notice.
- c. Persons present at the Level III hearing shall include the complainant, the respondent (subject of the complaint), any individual requested by either party to provide assistance relevant to the consideration of the matter, and the Level III hearing body/officer. The Level III hearing body/officer may request the assistance of the Designated District Official or others. The Level III hearing body shall designate a member of their body to moderate the hearing to ensure compliance with procedures, which shall be determined by the body itself.
- d. The Level III hearing body/officer shall issue a Level III written hearing decision within twenty (20) days that includes statements regarding the validity of the complaint allegation, any necessary corrective action, and the reasons upon which the decision is based. The findings and recommendations of the hearing body shall be determined by majority vote and shall specify the reasons on which the decision was based. Any hearing body member in disagreement with the majority may prepare a dissenting opinion to be included with the hearing decision.
- e. The Level III hearing decision and related materials shall be submitted to the Board. If the Board accepts the Level III hearing decision, it shall so state and issue a final board decision. Copies of the decision shall be delivered to the ~~complainant, the respondent, parties~~ and the Designated District Official. If the Board rejects the findings and recommendations of the Level III hearing body, it shall issue a detailed decision stating its reasons for such a rejection and at its discretion may issue a final decision or repeat the Level III hearing process ~~beginning with selection among the four alternatives~~.

IG. General Provisions

1. Complainant and Respondent Parties' Rights to Records

- a. ~~A complainant or respondent~~ Parties may request access to information and records in the possession of the District that bear upon the validity of the matter. Records must be requested with reasonable specificity. If obtaining the information requires unreasonable interference with other District duties and responsibilities or unreasonable District expenditure, the District may require that the requesting party pay the District reasonable fees for actual costs incurred in procuring and duplicating the records.
- b. The District is not required to create a record in response to a request.
- c. Information in requested records about subjects or persons not relevant to the complaint or which is otherwise private, controlled, or protected shall be excluded and/or expunged from the record.
- d. Records will only be provided in accordance with Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA), and other records or privacy laws.

2. Right to Assistance

- a. ~~Both the complainant and the respondent~~ parties have the right to be represented by counsel or assisted by knowledgeable persons, organizations, or groups of their selection at their own expense, at any point during the initiation, filing, or hearing of the complaint investigation or administrative review process.
- b. ~~The District shall, upon request, provide assistance to the complainant or respondent~~ parties in understanding rights and obligations under this policy and other pertinent District, state, or federal regulations, policies, or other related materials. Other assistance, such as legal advice regarding claims or defenses, will not be provided.
- c. The District will provide translation or interpreter services, auxiliary aids, or other reasonable services or accommodations necessary for the parties to participate fully in the administrative process.

~~3. Confidentiality~~

~~The District will strive to respect the confidentiality of the complainant and respondent, consistent with the District's legal obligations and the necessity to take appropriate corrective action.~~

4. Prohibition of Retaliation

~~Good faith submission of complaints will not adversely affect the complainant's future employment, grades, or work assignments. However, malicious or frivolous complaints may subject a complainant to discipline. The District will discipline any individual who retaliates against any person who files a complaint or who testifies, assists, or participates in a proceeding or hearing relating to a~~

~~complaint. Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, any form of intimidation, reprisal, or harassment.~~

35. Complaint Records

~~Complaint Records from investigations and hearings records~~ shall be kept by the ~~investigator and the~~ Designated District Official for a period no less than three years. Records shall include the names and positions of ~~parties, complainants and respondents,~~ dates of filing and resolution, specific allegations, findings and conclusions, ~~—and answers,~~ levels of hearings and hearing officers, a statement of final resolution, and details of corrective action. Such records shall be protected under Utah Code 63-2-304. Any party may, at their own personal expense, make a voice recording of any hearing. Level II and Level III hearings shall be recorded by the District. Such recordings shall be made available to parties upon written complainants and respondents at their request. ~~District r~~Recordings shall be a part of the ~~complaint-District~~ record.

46. Financial Responsibility

Except as otherwise provided by this policy, costs involved in the administration of the policy shall be borne by the District.

75. Notice and Dissemination

~~A summary of this policy and a reference to the full policy Subsection B. of this policy identifying the civil rights protected by this policy shall be delivered to each patron of the District annually and shall appear on the District website, school websites, and in other conspicuous locations. It shall also be posted in the front office of each District building and in the Department of Human Resources.~~

6. Outside Reporting

a. Nothing in this policy shall prohibit an individual employee from filing a discrimination or harassment claim with the Utah Anti-Discrimination and Labor Division (UALD), 160 East 300 South, 3rd Floor, P.O. Box 146600, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6600.

b. If concerns cannot be resolved at the school or district level, discrimination complaints may be filed with the Office for Civil Rights, Region VIII, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, Colorado, 80204-3582.

References

20 U.S.C. §1681-86, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; 34 C.F.R. Part 106
29 U.S.C. §206(d), The Equal Pay Act of 1963
29 U.S.C. §621 et seq., Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 C.F.R. §621-634
29 U.S.C. §794, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 34 C.F.R. §104 et seq.
42 U.S.C. §2000(d), Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964, 34 C.F.R. §100 et seq.
42 U.S.C. §2000(e), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 29 C.F.R. §1604 et seq.
42 U.S.C. §6101-6107, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 34 C.F.R. §110 et seq.
20 U.S.C. §7905, Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 34 C.F.R. §108 et seq.
42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq., ADA Amendments Act of 2008, 29 C.F.R. §1630
42 U.S.C. §12111 et seq., Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA),
Utah Code §76-5-401 through 407, Sexual Offenses
Utah Code §76-9-702 through 702.7, Offenses Against Public Order and Decency
Utah Code §34A-5-101 et seq., Utah Antidiscrimination Act
Utah Admin. Code R277-112, Prohibiting Discrimination in the Public Schools

Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Complaint Form

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name:

Home/Work Phone:

Home Address:

NAME OF DEPARTMENT OR SCHOOL INVOLVED:

Name:

Phone:

Address:

COMPLAINT BASED ON (please circle those that apply):

Race Color Sex/Gender Religion National Origin Disability Sexual Orientation

Other (please specify):

Date of Occurrences: Earliest / / Most Recent / /

EXPLANATION OF THE COMPLAINT:

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I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.
Signature and Date