

5710 PUPIL GRIEVANCE

The Board of Education affirms the rights of pupils in the pursuit of a thorough and efficient public education. To ensure these rights, pupils should have a means and opportunity to register complaints of discrimination and denial of services on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, social/economic status or handicap. It is the policy of the district not to discriminate on the basis of handicap. All individuals should be treated equally and the district recognizes that it may be necessary to make adjustments and/or accommodations to a reasonable degree.

Pupil grievances may include, but are not limited to: academic, discipline or school policies and procedures. Complaints may be resolved by means of the following:

1. The aggrieved pupil may seek settlement by meeting with the person(s) involved.
2. If a pupil or teacher is involved or a policy/procedure is in dispute; the parents/guardians with the aggrieved shall arrange for a meeting with the teacher(s) through the school Principal or his/her designee.
3. If the decision is unsatisfactory to the parents/guardians and the aggrieved pupil may appeal within five school days to the Principal.
4. If the issue remains unresolved, the parents/guardians and the aggrieved pupil may appeal step by step to the:
 - a. Section 504 Coordinator
 - b. Superintendent
 - c. Board of Education
 - d. County Superintendent
 - e. New Jersey State Department of Education
 - f. New Jersey Division of Civil Rights
 - g. United States Office for Civil Rights

For complaints related to affirmative action the pupil may contact the Affirmative Action Officer and follow appropriate procedure. For complaints related to handicapping conditions, the pupil may contact Section 504 Coordinator and follow appropriate procedures.

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