

Amity School District 4J

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Discrimination Complaint Procedure

Complaints regarding nondiscrimination or harassment, on any basis protected by law, shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:

Step 1: ^aComplaints may be oral or in writing and must be filed with the building principal. Any staff member that receives an oral or written complaint shall report the complaint to the principal.

The building principal shall investigate and determine the action to be taken, if any, and reply, in writing, to the complainant within ten (10) school days of receipt of the complaint.

Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the principal, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the superintendent within five (5) school days after receipt of the building principal's response to the complaint.

The superintendent shall review the principal's decision within five school days and may meet with all parties involved. The superintendent will review the merits of the complaint and the principal's decision. The superintendent will respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) school days.

Step 3: If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent, a written appeal may be filed with the Board within five (5) school days of receipt of the superintendent's response to Step II. The Board may decide to hear or deny the request for appeal at a Board meeting. If the Board decides to hear the appeal, the Board may meet with the concerned parties and their representative at a Board meeting. The Board's decision will be final and will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the Board's decision. A copy of the Board's final decision shall be sent to the complainant in writing or electronic form within (30) days of receipt of the appeal by the Board.

If the principal is the subject of the complaint, the individual may start at Step 2 and should file a complaint with the superintendent.

If the superintendent is the subject of the complaint, the complaint may start at Step 3 and should be referred to the Board chair. The Board may refer the investigation to a third party.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member, may start at Step 3 and should be submitted to the Board chair and may be referred to district counsel. Complaints against the Board chair may start at Step 3 and be referred directly to the district counsel.

The timelines established in each step of this procedure may be extended upon mutual consent of the district and the complainant in writing. The overall timeline of this complaint procedure may be extended beyond 90 days from the initial filing of the complaint upon written mutual consent of the district and the complainant.

The complainant, if a person who resides in the district, is a parent or guardian of a student who attends school in the district, is not satisfied after exhausting local complaint procedures, the district fails to render a written decision within 30 days of submission of the complaint at any step or fails to resolve the complaint within 90 days of the initialing filing of the complaint, may appeal^b the district's final decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 581-002-0001 – 581-002-0023.

^b An appeal must meet the criteria found in OAR 581-002-0005(1)(a).

Discrimination Complaint Form

Any person, including students, staff, visitors and third parties, may file a complaint.

Name of Person Filing Complaint	Date	School or Activity
Student/Parent ☐ Employee ☐ Job applicant ☐ ☐ Other _____		
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☐ Race	☐ Color	☐ Religion
☐ Sex	☐ National or ethnic origin	☐ Mental or physical disability
☐ Marital status	☐ Age	☐ Sexual orientation
☐ Familial status	☐ Economic status	☐ Veterans' status
☐ Pregnancy	☐ Discriminatory use of a Native American mascot	
☐ Gender identity	☐ Other	

Specific complaint: (Please provide detailed information including names, dates, places, activities, and results of informal discussion.)

Who should we talk to and what evidence should we consider? _____

Suggested solution/resolution/outcome: _____

This complaint form should be mailed or submitted to the building principal.

Direct complaints related to educational programs and services may be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights. Direct complaints related to employment may be filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division, or the U. S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.