

5710 PUPIL GRIEVANCE

All children of school age have a right to attend the public schools and to receive a suitable education. Any disruption of the schools or interference with their normal operation offends this right, which is constitutional in origin, violates the law and cannot be condoned or tolerated. Neither violence, disruption, vandalism nor seizure of school buildings can be permitted under any circumstances, since this interferes with the right of all pupils to receive a free public education.

If there are conditions in need of improvement, students and parents should have some means by which their concerns may be effectively expressed, considered and disposed of fairly. At the elementary level (Grades K-6) we would use parent-school conferences to resolve the differences. In the junior high school the official avenue for the expression and correction of grievances is the Oaklyn Junior High School Student Council. Council meetings are held on school time and are open to any Oaklyn Junior High School student. If a grievance cannot be resolved in council meetings, the executive board and the advisor bring the matter to the attention of the Principal. Unsatisfactory solutions can then be appealed to the Superintendent and the Board, in that order.

The official avenue for the expression and correction of grievances for parents is to first meet with the teacher(s) involved. Unsatisfactory solutions can then be appealed to the Principal, the Superintendent, and the Board, in that order.

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