

	ABERDEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT	NEPN Code: KLD
	POLICIES AND REGULATIONS	

PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT SCHOOL PERSONNEL

The Aberdeen School District welcomes constructive criticism of the schools when it is motivated by a sincere desire to improve the quality of the education program and to help the school personnel in performing their tasks more effectively.

The School Board places trust in its employees and desires to support their actions in such a manner that employees are freed from unnecessary, spiteful, or negative criticism and complaints.

Whenever a complaint is made directly to the School Board as a whole or to a Board member as an individual, it shall be referred to the school administration for study and possible solutions. The individual employee involved shall be advised of the nature of the complaint and will be given every opportunity for explanation, comment, and presentation of the facts as he/she sees them.

In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents will first discuss the matter with the teacher. If, for some reason, they are not satisfied, they may further discuss that matter with the following persons in the following order: the building principal, then the superintendent or his/her designee. If the superintendent is unable to satisfy the parents, he/she will report the case to the School Board for consideration and action. The Board will not consider or act on complaints that have not been explored at the appropriate administrative level. The Board will consider hearing citizen complaints when they cannot be resolved by the administration. Matters referred to the Board must be in writing and should be specific in terms of the complaint and the action desired.

If it appears necessary, the administration, the person who made the complaint, or the employee involved may request an executive session of the Board for the purposes of further study and a decision by this body. Generally, all parties involved, including the school administration, shall be asked to attend such a meeting for the purposes of presenting additional facts, making further explanations, and clarifying the issues. Hearsay and rumor shall be discounted, as well as emotions except those directly related to the facts of the situation.

The School Board will render its decision, which the superintendent will implement. The decision of the Board may be appealed pursuant to SDCL 13-46, Appeals in School Matters.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

SDCL 13-46 Appeals in School Matters

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