Port Orford Langlois School District Policy

Code: **KL** Adopted: 10/26/20

Public Complaints

The district will develop and implement effective means of resolving complaints voiced by parents of a student who attends school in the district or persons who reside in the district and will use recognized channels of communication.

The Board advises that the process for resolving a complaint as follows:

- 1. Teacher/Employee;
- 2. Principal/Supervisor;
- 3. Superintendent/Designee;
- 4. Board.

The complaint procedure is available at the district's administrative office and on the home page of the district's website.

Any complaint about school personnel other than the superintendent will be investigated by the administration before consideration and action by the Board. The Board will not hear complaints against employees in a session open to the public unless an employee requests an open session.

A complaint of retaliation against a student who in good faith reported information that the student believes is evidence of a violation of state or federal law, rule or regulation, should be reported to the superintendent.

Complaints against the principal should be filed with the superintendent. Complaints against the superintendent should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. Complaints against the Board chair should be referred directly to the Board vice chair on behalf of the Board. (See KL-AR(1) – Public Complaint Procedure)

The superintendent will administer the complaint process, as appropriate, established by administrative regulation KL-AR (1) – Public Complaint Procedure.

If a complainant, who is a parent or guardian of a student who attends school in the district, or a person who resides in the district, alleges a violation of Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR), Chapter 581, Division 22 (Division 22 Standards), ORS 339.285 - 339.303 or OAR 581-021-0550 - 581-021-0570 (Restraint and Seclusion), or ORS. 659.852 (Retaliation) and the complaint is not resolved through the complaint process, the complainant may appeal¹ the district's final decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under OAR 581-002-0001 – 581-002-0023

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

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 192.660 ORS 332.107 ORS 659.852 OAR 581-002-0001 - 002-0005 OAR 581-022-2370

Anderson v. Central Point Sch. Dist., 746 F.2d 505 (9th Cir. 1984). Connick v. Myers, 461 U.S. 138 (1983).