## 581-022-1941

## Complaint Procedures

- (1) Each school district must establish a process for the prompt resolution of a complaint by a person who resides in the district or by any parent or guardian of a student who attends school in the school district. The process must be in writing and state clearly who within the school district has the responsibility for responding to the complaint.
- (2) A school district's complaint procedure must specify the time period during which the complaint will be addressed and a final decision issued. If the complaint procedure has multiple steps, the procedure must establish the time period for each step as well as the overall time period for completing the procedure.
- (3) A school district's complaint procedure may distinguish between those complaints that may be appealed under OAR 581-022-1940 and other complaints.
- (4) A school district's complaint procedure may include mediation or other alternative dispute resolution processes.
- (5) The procedure for hearing and acting on complaints that may be appealed under OAR 581-022-1940 must include the following:
- (a) A point at which the decision is final;
- (b) A provision for the complainant receive written notice that the district's decision may be appealed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction under OAR 581-022-1940; and
- (c) A written decision that clearly establishes the legal basis for the decision, findings of fact and conclusions of law.

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