## **BP 1312 PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE SCHOOLS**

The School Board believes that <u>athe</u> quality <u>of the</u> educational program <u>is dependent</u> upon a strong relationship with its communities. The School Board further believes that <u>improved student success resultscan improve</u> when the district listens to complaints, considers differences of opinion, and resolves disagreements through an established, objective <u>and culturally responsive</u> process using the chain of command.

The Board encourages complainants to resolve problems early and informally whenever possible. The School Board expects that all district staff who respond to complaints and resolve problems will do so in a manner that is culturally responsive and is not influenced by discrimination or biases. If a problem remains unresolved, the individual should submit a formal complaint as early as possible in accordance with appropriate district procedures. District procedures shall be readily accessible to the public.

Individual Board members do not have authority to resolve complaints. If approached directly with a complaint, however, <u>School</u> Board members should <u>also demonstrate</u> <u>cultural responsiveness while listeninglisten</u> to the complaint and <u>provide</u> <u>assistanceshow their concern</u> by referring the complainant to the <u>Board chair who may</u> <u>in turn refer it to the</u> Superintendent or <u>designee so that the problem may receive proper</u> <u>consideration and due process</u> <u>Designee as deemed appropriate</u>.

(cf. 1312.1 - Public Complaints Concerning School Personnel)

(cf. 1312.2 - Public Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 1312.3 - Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination)

**Note:** Pursuant to <u>4 AAC 52.500</u>, any person may file a complaint with the Department of Education alleging a violation of state regulations governing education for exceptional children.

Legal Reference:

## <u>ALASKA STATUTES</u>

<u>14.18.100</u> Remedies (Sex or Race Discrimination)

## ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

<u>4 AAC 06.560 - 06.580</u> Violations; Prohibition Against Sex Discrimination

<u>4 AAC 52.500 - 52.629</u> Procedural Safeguards; Education for Exceptional Children

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

<u>34 CFR 200.74</u>

34 CFR Part 300TITLE

UNITED STATES CODE

Title VI, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF Civil Rights Act of 1964

<u>TITLE</u><u>Title</u><u>VII</u>, <u>CIVIL</u><u>RIGHTS</u><u>ACT</u><u>OF</u><u>Civil</u><u>Rights</u><u>Act</u><u>of</u><u>1964</u></u>, <u>42</u><u>U.S.C.</u><u>2000</u> et. seq. (Ch. 21)

TITLE Title IX, EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF Education Amendments of 1972

SECTIONSection 504, REHABILITATION ACT OFRehabilitation Act of 1973

34 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

and

<u>GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT, General Education Provisions Act,</u> <u>20 U.S.C. 1221</u> et. seq., especially:

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY RIGHTS ACT, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Rights Act, <u>20 U.S.C. 1232g</u>

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