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Discrimination Complaint Procedure

Any person, including students, staff, visitors and third parties, may file a complaint and will be defined as the complainant.

Complaints regarding discrimination or harassment, on any basis protected by law, shall be processed in accordance with the following procedures:

Step 1: Complaints may be verbal or in writing and must be filed with the Title IX coordinator. Any staff member that receives a written or verbal complaint shall report the complaint to the Title IX coordinator.

The building principal/supervisor shall further investigate and determine the action to be taken, if any, and reply in writing, to the complainant within 10 school days of receipt of the complaint.

- Step 2: If the complainant wishes to appeal the decision of the building principal/supervisor, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the superintendent within five school days after receipt of the building principal/supervisor's response to the complaint. The superintendent shall review the principal/supervisor's decision within seven school days and may meet with all parties involved. The superintendent will review the merits of the complaint and the principal/supervisor's decision. The superintendent will respond in writing to the complainant within 10 school days.
- Step 3: If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the superintendent a written appeal may be filed with the Board within seven school days of receipt of the superintendent's response to Step 2. The Board may decide to hear or deny the request for appeal at a Board meeting. If the Board decides to hear the appeal, the Board may meet with the concerned parties and their representative at the next regular or special Board meeting The Board's decision will be final and will address each allegation in the complaint and contain reasons for the Board's decision. A copy of the Board's final decision shall be sent to the complainant in writing or electronic form within 30 days of receipt of the appeal by the Board.

If the building principal is the subject of the complaint, the individual may start at step 2 and file a complaint with the superintendent.

If the superintendent is the subject of the complaint, the complaint may start at step 3 and should be referred to the Board chair. The Board may refer the investigation to a third party.

Complaints against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member, may start at step 3 and should be submitted to the Board chair and may be referred to district counsel. Complaints against the Board chair may start at step 3 and be referred directly to the district counsel. The timelines established in each step of this procedure may be extended upon mutual consent of the district and the complainant in writing, but will not be longer than 30 days from the date of the submission of the complaint at any step. The overall timeline of this complaint procedure may be extended beyond 90

days from the initial filing of the complaint upon written mutual consent of the district and the complainant.

If the complainant is a person who resides in the district, is a student, or a parent or guardian of a student who attends school in the district, is not satisfied after exhausting local complaint procedures, the district fails to render a written decision within 30 days of submission of the complaint at any step or fails to resolve the complaint within 90 days of the initial filing of the complaint, the complainant may appeal¹ the district's final decision to the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 581-002-0001 – 581-002-0023.

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The district Board, through this administrative regulation, will not review an appeal of a decision reached by the Board of the Redmond Proficiency Academy on a complaint alleging a violation of Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 659.850 or Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 581-021-0045 or 581-021-0046 (Discrimination), for which the district Board has jurisdiction, and recognizes a decision reached by the Board of Redmond Proficiency Academy as the district Board's final decision. A final decision reached by this district Board may be appealed to the Oregon Department of Education under OAR 581-002-0001 - 581-002-0023

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

Discrimination Complaint Form Any person, including students, staff, visitors and third parties, may file a complaint

| Name of Person Filing Complaint | Date | School or Activity |
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| Student/Parent □ Employee □ Job a | pplicant \Box Other \Box | |
| Type of discrimination: | | |
| Race Color Religion Sex National or ethnic origin Gender identity | Mental or physic Marital status Familial status Economic status Veterans' status | cal disability □ Age □ Sexual orientation □ Pregnancy □ Discriminatory use of a Native American mascot □ Other |
| Specific complaint: (Please provide results of the discussion.) | detailed information | including names, dates, places, activities and |
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| Who should we talk to and what ev | idence should we con | sider? |
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| Suggested solution/resolution/outco | ome: | |
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| This complaint form should be mail Steps 1-3 of the Discrimination Cor | | e principal or district administrator as outlined in |
| Direct complaints related to educati | onal programs and se | rvices may be made to the U.S. Department of |

Education, Office for Civil Rights. Direct complaints related to employment may be filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division, or the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.