

<b>School Administrative Unit # 55</b>	<b>Policy Code: ACA</b>
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## **NONDISCRIMINATION: TITLE IX GRIEVANCES**

The School Board hereby formally declares that, in accordance with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, there will be no discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities, nor will there be discrimination on the basis of race, ethnic background.

Inquiries or complaints regarding compliance with Title IX may be directed to the office of Superintendent of Schools. Grievances will be processed as follows:

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

1. Any complaints from or on behalf of any person employed or served by the schools shall be submitted in writing, using the form provided, to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools hereafter referred to as "the designated employee". The designated employee shall without delay forward it to the person immediately responsible, i.e., department head, coach, supervisor, etc.
2. The immediately responsible person will investigate the complaint and report his/her findings and recommend remediation in writing to the grievant within five (5) school days. A copy of the report shall be sent to the designated employee who will maintain a file on all grievances.
3. If the grievance has not been remedied to the satisfaction of the grievant, he/she may then submit the complaint, with all previous communications attached, to the following parties, in the order given. Each part will have the time indicated in which to investigate and report its findings and recommend remediation.
  - a. Assistant Superintendent of Schools (5 school days)
  - b. Superintendent of Schools (10 school days)
  - c. School Administrative Unit Board (20 school days)
4. If all else fails, the grievant may appeal to the Federal Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.

**NOTE:** All reports submitted throughout the grievance procedure must be made out in duplicate, with all previous correspondence attached, one copy going to the grievant and one to the designated employee who shall maintain a file on all grievances. Blank grievance form will be available in all principals' office in every school and in the Superintendent of School's office.

Statutory reference:  
*ED 303.01 (;): 1-9*