

UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

The William S. Hart Union High School District shall have the responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations. The District shall investigate and shall seek to resolve complaints alleging failure to comply with such laws and/or alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in accordance with the District's uniform complaint procedures, when informal measures have not resolved problems.

The District shall use the uniform complaint procedures to resolve complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying in District programs and activities based on actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Penal Code 422.55, or Government Code 11135, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used to address any complaint alleging the District's failure to comply with the prohibition against requiring students to pay fees, deposits, or other charges for participation in educational activities, the requirements for the development and adoption of a school safety plan, and state and/or federal laws in adult education programs, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, career technical and technical education and training programs, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs, and special education programs.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)

(cf. 3260 - Fees and Charges)

(cf. 3320 - Claims and Actions Against the District)

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

(cf. 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)

(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

(cf. 6174 - Education for English Language Learners)

(cf. 6175 - Migrant Education Program)

(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)

(cf. 6178.1 - Work-Based Learning)

(cf. 6178.2 - Regional Occupational Center/Program)

(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

The Board prohibits any form of retaliation against any complainant in the complaint process, including but not limited to a complainant's filing of a complaint or the reporting of instances of discrimination. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades, or work assignments of the complainant. [T5CCR 4621]

The Board encourages the early, informal resolution of complaints at the site level whenever possible.

Uniform Complaint Procedures (*continued*)**Compliance Officers**

The Governing Board designates the following compliance officers to receive and investigate complaints and ensure District compliance with law:

Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources or designee
(title or position)

21515 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita 91350
(address)

(661) 259-0033
(telephone number)

The Board recognizes that a neutral mediator can often suggest a compromise that is agreeable to all parties in a dispute. In accordance with the uniform complaint procedures, whenever all parties to a complaint agree to try resolving the problem through mediation, the Superintendent or designee shall initiate that process. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the results are consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.

In investigating complaints, the confidentiality of the parties involved and the integrity of the process shall be protected. As appropriate for any complaint alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the Superintendent or designee may keep the identity of a complainant confidential to the extent that the investigation of the complaint is not obstructed.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)

The District's Williams uniform complaint procedures, AR 1312.4, shall be used to investigate and resolve any complaint related to the following:

1. Sufficiency of textbooks or instructional materials
2. Emergency or urgent facilities conditions that pose a threat to the health or safety of students or staff
3. Teacher vacancies and misassignments
4. Deficiency in the District's provision of instruction and/or services to any student who, by the completion of grade 12, has not passed one or both parts of the high school exit examination

(cf. 1312.4 - Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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*Legal Reference:*EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
 8200-8498 Child care and development programs
 8500-8538 Adult basic education
 18100-18203 School libraries
 32289 School safety plan, uniform complaint procedures
 35186 Williams uniform complaint procedures
 37254 Intensive instruction and services for students who have not passed exit exam
 41500-41513 Categorical education block grants
 48985 Notices in language other than English
 49010-49013 Student fees
 49060-49079 Student records
 49490-49590 Child nutrition programs
 52160-52178 Bilingual education programs
 52300-52490 Career technical education
 52500-52616.24 Adult schools
 52800-52870 School-based program coordination
 54000-54028 Economic impact aid programs
 54100-54145 Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act
 54400-54425 Compensatory education programs
 54440-54445 Migrant education
 54460-54529 Compensatory education programs
 56000-56867 Special education programs
 59000-59300 Special schools and centers
 64000-64001 Consolidated application process

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
 12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

PENAL CODE

422.55 Hate crime; definition
 422.6 Interference with constitutional right or privilege

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3080 Application of section
 4600-4687 Uniform complaint procedures
 4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6301-6577 Title I basic programs
 6601-6777 Title II preparing and recruiting high quality teachers and principals
 6801-6871 Title III language instruction for limited English proficient and immigrant students
 7101-7184 Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act
 7201-7283g Title V promoting informed parental choice and innovative programs
 7301-7372 Title V rural and low-income school programs

*Management Resources:*WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>
 California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>
 U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

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