

## **Complaints Concerning Staff or Programs**

Most complaints can be resolved by informal discussions between the citizen and the staff member. Should the matter not be resolved, the principal shall attempt to resolve the issue through a conference with the citizen and the staff member.

The following procedures apply to the processing of a complaint which cannot be resolved in the manner described above:

1. If the problem is not satisfactorily resolved at the building level, the citizen should file a written complaint with the superintendent which describes the problem and a suggested solution. The superintendent should send copies to the principal and staff member.
2. The principal and staff member shall respond to the superintendent in writing or in person.
3. The superintendent shall then attempt to resolve the matter through a conference with the citizen, staff member, and principal.
4. If the matter is still not resolved, the superintendent shall present the issue to the board. If the complaint is against a staff member; the complaint shall be handled in executive session in the presence of the staff member. The board shall attempt to make a final resolution of the matter. Any formal actions by the board must take place at an open meeting. If such action may adversely affect the contract status of the staff member, the board shall give written notice to the staff member of his/her rights to a hearing.

### **Misconduct**

Complaints that rise to the level of misconduct should be reported directly to a building principal or the superintendent. Depending on the nature of the misconduct, an investigation will be conducted into the alleged allegations by an administrator or an independent party.