

1 2 3

4

5

6 7

8

14 15

16

17 18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

Inclusive Learning Environments Policy Series: 3000 Students Procedure 1

Policy No. 3330 Procedure 1

9
10 The Board of Education has tasked the District Administration with the training of teachers and
11 employees on how to create inclusive learning environments for all students. If a student,
12 parent, teacher, or district employee believes that the policy has been violated, the following
13 steps should be taken to resolve the matter:

- If the student or parent has a concern about a teacher's classroom, they should, if they feel comfortable in doing so, address it directly with the teacher. In many cases, a respectful, civil conversation can resolve the issue acceptably for all involved.
- 2) If the student, parent, teacher, or district employee cannot resolve the issue, then the concern should be brought to the principal. The principal will then work with the parties involved to determine if the policy has been upheld appropriately. The goal of the principal will be to work through a solution that supports all parties so that students and teachers feel welcome and comfortable in the classroom environment. The principal may consult with their respective supervisor, the Assistant Superintendent over Elementary or Secondary Education, to identify potential solutions that will resolve the situation for all individuals.
- 26 3) If the student, parent, or teacher feels that the principal has not interpreted this policy 27 appropriately, they may appeal the principal's decision to the Assistant Superintendent 28 over Elementary or Secondary Education and the Deputy Superintendent. These 29 individuals will then determine whether or not the policy has been upheld and the next 30 steps needed to ensure a welcoming classroom environment for all. It is to be noted that 31 the lens from which these individuals will examine the situation is from what a 32 reasonable individual would determine based on the context of the classroom and the 33 efforts that the teacher has made to support all students in feeling welcome in their 34 classroom.
- 4) If the decision of the Assistant Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent is still in
 question by the parent, they may appeal the decision to the Superintendent in writing
 within ten days of the decision issued by the Assistant and Deputy Superintendents. The
 Superintendent may consult with legal counsel to provide additional information
 regarding state law and district policy in making a final determination.

- 5) If a teacher or district employee feels that their supervisor has incorrectly interpreted this policy, they can appeal to the Assistant Superintendent over Elementary or Secondary Education and the Deputy Superintendent over Human Resources. If this interpretation of policy has led to disciplinary actions, the employee may seek resolution following the District Grievance Process outlined in <u>Policy 5285</u>.
- 6) It is to be noted that in most cases, face-to-face conversations will be encouraged over email communication to encourage the building of relationships and greater understanding among all parties involved.