

5710 PUPIL GRIEVANCE

In accordance with the State Board of Education principle “that students should have some means by which their concerns may be effectively expressed, considered, and disposed of fairly,” the Westfield Board of Education has promulgated and adopted the following procedures for resolving pupil concerns.

Any pupil and/or his/her parents shall have the right to question and/or to appeal the application of policies and administrative decisions affecting him/her through appropriate channels.

The following procedures are available to initiate the problem-solving process.

1. Consult with a teacher, a guidance counselor or other professional staff member of his choice. Misunderstanding of policies shall frequently be cleared up at this level.
2. Seek parental guidance and support.
3. Seek an appointment with a building administrator or academic supervisor. This procedure is recommended where time or the magnitude of the problem is a critical factor.
4. Refer the problem, if it is of wider student concern, to the student council for study and recommendation. This procedure is especially recommended as it is patterned on our democratic processes.

Formal Appeal Process

A decision by the Principal may be appealed to the Superintendent. This appeal shall be in writing and should be specific and complete at the request of the Superintendent.

A decision by the Superintendent may be appealed to the Board of Education. This appeal shall be in writing and shall be specific and complete at the request of the Board of Education.

A decision by the Board of Education may be appealed to the Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey. This shall be in writing and shall be specific and complete.

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