

BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy Manual
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Section: PUPILS
Title: STUDENT HEARING PROCESS
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219. STUDENT HEARING PROCESS

- .1 The Board recognizes that students have the right to request redress of complaints. Further, the Board believes that the inculcation of respect for lawful procedures is an important part of the educational process. Accordingly, individual and group complaints should be recognized and appropriate appeal procedures provided.
- .2 For purposes of this policy, a student “complaint” shall be any such situation that arises out of actions that directly affect the student’s participation in an approved educational program.
- .3 The Board or its employees will recognize the complaints of the students of this district provided that such complaints are made according to procedures established by Board policy (reference Policy #906).
 - .31 The student should first make the complaint known to the staff member most closely involved or, if none is identifiable, his/her guidance counselor, and both shall attempt to resolve the issue formally and directly.
 - .32 For complaints which must move beyond the first step, the student should make the complaint known to the Principal, the Superintendent, and the Board, with a suitable period of time allowed at each level for the hearing of the complaint and the preparation of a response.
- .4 At each step beyond the first, the school authority hearing the complaint may call in the student’s parent.
- .5 The student may seek the help of a parent or guardian at any step.