

GENERAL COMPLAINTS

Urban Charter Schools Collective (“UCSC”) has adopted this General Complaint Policy to address concerns about UCSC generally or regarding specific employees. For complaints regarding harassment or perceived violations of state or federal laws, please refer to UCSC’S Policy Against Unlawful Harassment and/or UCSC’s Uniform Complaint Procedures. For all other complaints, the General Complaint form and accompanying procedures will be appropriate.

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS

(Complaints by Employees against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when a UCSC employee raises a complaint or concern about a co-worker.

If reasonably possible, internal complaints should be resolved at the lowest possible level, including attempts to discuss/resolve concerns with the immediate supervisor. However, in the event an informal resolution may not be achieved or is not appropriate, the following steps will be followed by the Superintendent or designee:

1. The complainant will bring the matter to the attention of the Superintendent or designee as soon as possible after attempts to resolve the complaint with the immediate supervisor have failed or if not appropriate; and
2. The complainant will reduce his or her complaint to writing, indicating all known and relevant facts. The Superintendent or designee will then investigate the facts and provide a solution or explanation;
3. If the complaint is about the Superintendent, the complainant may file his or her complaint in a signed writing to the Chair of the Board of Directors of UCSC, who will then confer with the Board and may conduct a fact-finding or authorize a third party investigator on behalf of the Board. The Chair or investigator will report his or her findings to the Board for review and action, if necessary.

This policy cannot guarantee that every problem will be resolved to the employee’s satisfaction. However, UCSC values each employee’s ability to express concerns and the need for resolution without fear of adverse consequence to employment.

POLICY FOR COMPLAINTS GENERALLY

(General Complaints and Complaints by Third Parties against Employees)

This section of the policy is for use when either a complaint does not fall under other complaint procedures or a third party (non-employee) raises a complaint or concern about UCSC generally, or a UCSC employee.

If complaints cannot be resolved informally, complainants may file a written complaint with the office of the Superintendent or Board President (only if the complaint concerns the Superintendent as soon as possible after the events that give rise to the complainant's concerns. The written complaint should set forth in detail the factual basis for the complaint.

In processing the complaint, Superintendent or designee shall abide by the following process:

1. The Superintendent or designee shall use his or her best efforts to ascertain the facts relating to the complaint. Where applicable, the Superintendent or designee shall talk with the parties identified in the complaint or persons with knowledge of the particulars of the complaint to ascertain said facts.
2. In the event that the Superintendent or designee finds that a complaint is valid, the Superintendent or designee may take appropriate action to resolve the problem. Where the complaint is against an employee of UCSC, the Superintendent may take disciplinary action against the employee. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may also simply counsel/reprimand employees as to their conduct without initiating formal disciplinary measures.
3. The Superintendent or designee decision relating to the complaint shall be final unless it is appealed to the Board of Directors of UCSC. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Confidentiality: All complainants will be notified that information obtained from the complainants and thereafter gathered will be maintained in a manner as confidential as possible, but in some circumstances absolute confidentiality cannot be assured.
2. Non-Retaliation: All complainants will be advised that they will be protected against retaliation as a result of the filing of any complaints or participation in any complaint process.
3. Resolution: The Board (if a complaint is about the Superintendent) or the Superintendent or designee will investigate complaints appropriately under the circumstances and pursuant to the applicable procedures, and if necessary, take appropriate remedial measures to ensure effective resolution of any complaint.

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URBAN CHARTER SCHOOLS COLLECTIVE
Sacramento, California

COMPLAINT FORM

Your Name: _____ Date: _____

Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____

Name of Person(s) you have a complaint against: _____

List any witnesses that were present: _____

Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

Please describe the circumstances, events, or conduct that are the basis of your complaint by providing as much factual detail as possible (i.e. specific statements; what, if any, physical contact was involved; any verbal statements; what did you do to avoid the situation, etc.) (Attach additional pages, if needed):

I hereby authorize UCSC to disclose the information I have provided as it finds necessary in pursuing its investigation. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further understand providing false information in this regard could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Signature of Complainant Date: _____

Print Name

To be completed by UCSC:

Received by: _____ Date: _____