



## **Student Policies: BP 08-08**

### **Board Policy: STUDENT COMPLAINTS**

#### Notification

It is the intent of the GCC School to integrate conflict resolution skills into the curriculum. In accordance therewith, Students that have complaints against other students are encouraged to first address the issue with the person directly using the learned conflict resolution skills without the intervention of a school employee. If, however, the student does not feel comfortable with this approach or the complaint involves sexual harassment or discrimination, the student may notify a teacher or other school staff member. The teacher or staff member will notify the Principal of the complaint if it cannot be resolved immediately at that level.

Students who have complaints against school personnel or programs may notify a teacher or the Principal. If a teacher, or any other staff member, is notified of a student complaint against school personnel or programs, the teacher shall notify the Principal.

#### Procedures

Depending upon the nature of a complaint, the pupil will be provided information concerning the applicable policy and procedures to be followed. For instance, if the complaint is one of sexual harassment or other discrimination, the student will be provided with a copy of the Charter School's policy against harassment and discrimination and provided a complaint form and apprised of the procedures under the policy.

If the School has no specific policy or procedures for the particular complaint, the Principal, or his/her designee, will undertake a responsible inquiry into the pupil's complaint to ensure it is reasonably and swiftly addressed. When appropriate a written statement of the pupil's complaint will be obtained from the student.

#### Confidentiality

Complainants will be notified that information obtained from the pupil and thereafter gathered will be maintained in a manner as confidential as possible, but in some circumstances absolute confidentiality cannot be assured.

#### Non-Retaliation

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.

#### Resolution

The administration will investigate student 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.