Lourdes Public Charter School

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Workplace Harassment Reporting and Procedure

Any public charter school employee who believes they have been a victim of workplace harassment may file an oral or written report consistent with this administration regulation, may file a report through the Bureau of Labor and Industries’ (BOLI) complaint resolution process, or under any other available law.

Additional information regarding the filing of a report may be obtained through the administrator.

A complaint alleging an unlawful employment practice as described in ORS 659A.030, 659A.082, 659A.112 or ORS 659A.370 must be filed no later than five years after the occurrence of the alleged unlawful employment practice.

All documentation related to workplace harassment complaints may become part of the personnel file of the employee who is the alleged harasser, as appropriate. Additionally, a copy of all workplace harassment reports, complaints, and documentation will be maintained by the public charter school as a separate confidential file and stored in the public charter school office.

**Investigation Procedure**

The administrator is responsible for investigating reports concerning workplace harassment. The investigator(s) shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the report presented. If the alleged workplace harassment involves administrator, the employee may report to Board chair. All reports of alleged workplace harassment behavior shall be investigated.

The investigator shall:

1. Document the alleged, reported incident of workplace harassment;
2. Provide information about legal resources and counseling and support services, which may include public charter school-provided assistance services available to the public charter school employee;
3. Provide a copy of the public charter school’s Board policy GBEA - Workplace Harassment and this administrative regulation to the public charter school employee; and
4. Complete the following steps:

Step 1 Promptly initiate an investigation. The investigator will arrange such meetings as may be necessary to discuss the issue with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the report. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings of the investigation, including the response of the alleged harasser, shall be reduced to writing. The investigator shall notify the complainant in writing that the investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law.

Step 2 If a complainant is not satisfied with the decision at Step 1, the complainant may submit a written appeal to the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 1 decision. The Board will review the findings and conclusion in a public meeting to determine what action is appropriate. Appropriate action may include, but is not limited to, holding a hearing, requesting additional information, and adopting the administrator’s decision as the public charter school’s final decision.

If the Board conducts a hearing, the complainant shall be given an opportunity to present the appeal at a Board meeting. The Board may hold the hearing in executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. The parties involved may be asked to attend such hearing for the purposes of making further explanations and clarifying the issues. The Board shall decide, within 20 days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted. The Board shall provide a written decision to the complainant within 10 working days following completion of the hearing.

If the Board chooses not to hear the appeal, the decision in Step 1 is final.

Reports involving the administrator should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair will cause the information[[1]](#footnote-1) required to be issued to the complainant as described in this administrative regulation. The Board chair shall present the complaint to the Board at a Board meeting. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. The Board may hold the hearing in executive session if the subject matter qualifies under Oregon law. The Board shall decide, within 30 days, in open session what action if any is warranted. The Board chair shall notify the complainant in writing within 10 days that the investigation is concluded and if a violation of the policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable by law.

**Follow-up Procedures**

The administrator will follow up with the public charter school employee of the alleged harassment once every three months for the calendar year following the date on which the administrator received a report of harassment, to determine whether the alleged harassment has stopped or if the employee has experienced retaliation. The administrator will document the record of this follow-up. The administrator will continue follow-up in this manner until and unless the employee directs the administrator in writing to stop.

**Other Reporting Options and Filing Information**

Nothing in this policy prevents an employee from filing a formal complaint with BOLI or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC); or if applicable, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Civil Rights Center.

Nothing in Board policy GBEA - Workplace Harassment or this administrative regulation prevents any person from seeking remedy under any other available law, whether civil or criminal.

An employee or claimant must provide advance notice of claim against the employer as required by ORS 30.275.

**Filing a report with the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) Civil Rights Center.**

An employee whose agency receives federal financial assistance from the USDOL under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, may file a complaint with the state of Oregon Equal Opportunity Officer or directly through the USDOL Civil Rights Center. The complaint must be written, signed and filed within 180 days of when the alleged discrimination or harassment occurred.

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**Workplace Harassment Reporting or Complaint Form**

Name of person making report/complainant:

Position of person making report/complainant:

Date of complaint:

Name of alleged harasser:

Date and place of incident or incidents:

Description of alleged misconduct:

Name of witnesses (if any):

Evidence of workplace harassment, i.e., letters, photos, etc. (attach evidence if possible):

Any other information:

I agree that all of the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date:

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**Witness Disclosure Form**

Name of Witness:

Position of Witness:

Date of Testimony/Interview:

Description of Instance Witnessed:

Any Other Information:

I agree that all the information on this form is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Date:

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