



2017-2018 Annual Notice of Uniform Complaint Procedures –

For students, employees, parents or guardians of its students, school and district advisory committees, appropriate private school officials or representatives, and other interested parties.

The Ripon Unified School District has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and has established procedures to address allegations of unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and complaints alleging violation of state or federal laws governing educational programs.

Ripon Unified School District shall investigate and seek to resolve complaints using policies and procedures known as the Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) adopted by our local board. Unlawful discrimination harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and complaints may be based on actual or perceived age, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, gender expression, gender identity, gender, mental or physical disability, nationality, national origin, race or ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or on a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any program or activity that receives or benefits from state financial assistance. The UCP shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in Adult Education, Consolidated Categorical Aid Programs, Migrant Education, Career Technical and Technical Education and Training Programs, Child Care And Developmental Programs, Child Nutrition Programs, Special Education Programs, and Safety Planning Requirements. Complaints must be filed in writing with the following compliance officer:

Ziggy Robeson, Superintendent
304 N. Acacia Avenue
Ripon, CA 95366
209 599-2131

Complaints alleging discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, must be filed within six (6) months from the date the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, occurred or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, unless the time for filing is extended by the superintendent or his or her designee.

Complaints will be investigated and a written Decision or report will be sent to the complainant within sixty (60) days from the receipt of the complaint. This sixty (60) day time period may be extended by written agreement of the complainant. The LEA person responsible for investigating the complaint shall conduct and complete the investigation in accordance with sections 4680-4687 and in accordance with local procedures adopted under section 4621.

The complainant has a right to appeal the district's decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the district's decision. The appeal must include a copy of the complaint filed with the LEA and a copy of the district's Decision.

Civil law remedies may be available under state or federal discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, laws, if applicable. In appropriate cases, an appeal may be filed pursuant to Education Code Section 262.3. A complainant may pursue available civil law remedies outside of the district's complaint procedures. Complainants may seek assistance from mediation centers or public/private interest attorneys. Civil law remedies that may be imposed by a court include, but are not limited to, injunctions and restraining orders.

A copy of the Ripon Unified School District's UCP policy and complaint procedures shall be available free of charge.

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Education for juvenile court school students

If a student is exempted from local graduation requirements, the exemption shall continue to apply after the termination of the court's jurisdiction over the student or if he/she transfers to another school or school district. (Education Code 51225.1)

If the Superintendent or designee determines that a former juvenile court school student is reasonably able to complete the district graduation requirements within his/her fifth year of high school, he/she shall: (Education Code 51225.1)

1. Inform the student and, if the student is under 18 years of age, the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her, of the option available to the student to remain in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements and how that will affect his/her ability to gain admission to a postsecondary educational institution
2. Provide information to the student about transfer opportunities available through the California Community Colleges
3. Upon agreement with the student or with the person holding the right to make educational decisions for him/her if he/she is under 18 years of age, permit the student to stay in school for a fifth year to complete the district's graduation requirements.

Notification and complaints

Information regarding the educational rights of former juvenile court school students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 and 51225.2, shall be included in the annual uniform complaint procedures notification distributed to students, parent/guardians, employees, and other interested parties pursuant to 5 CCR 4622. (Education Code 51225.1, 51225.2)

Any complaint that the district has not complied with requirements regarding the education of former juvenile court school students, as specified in Education Code 51225.1 or 51225.2, may be filed in accordance with the district's procedures in AR 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures.