

# NORTH BRANFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION

SERIES 4000: SCHOOL/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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## PUBLIC/PARENTAL COMPLAINTS

### General Complaint Procedures

Complaints and grievances shall begin at the origin of the grievance and be resolved as close to that origin as possible.

Although no member of the community shall be denied the right to petition the Board of Education for redress of a grievance, complaints shall be referred back through the proper administrative channels for solution. Exceptions are complaints that concern Board actions or Board operations only.

### Complaints Regarding Educational Materials

Any parent/guardian with a concern about a particular book or instructional material, shall put that concern in writing and submit it to the teacher who is using the particular book or instructional material. This request will be reviewed by the teacher, the appropriate department coordinator, and the Principal. If a question arises concerning the suitability of a library book or other library material, the same form will be used by the parent to register concern and the form will be reviewed by the librarian, the appropriate department coordinator, and the Principal. The Principal will discuss the results of the school's review with the Superintendent of Schools and provide an answer giving the school's position to the parent. If the parent is not satisfied with the answer given by the Principal, he may appeal to the Board of Education through the Superintendent of Schools.

Legal Reference: *Keyishian v. Board of Regents* 385 U.S. 589. 603 (1967)

*President's Council, District 25 v. Community School Board No. 25*  
457 F.2d 289 (1972). cert/ denied 409 U.S. 998 (1976)

*Minarcini v. Strongsville City School District*, 541 F. 2d 577 (6th Cir.  
1976).

*Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District No. 26*  
*v. Pico*, 457 U.S. 853 (1982).

Academic Freedom Policy (adopted by Connecticut State Board of  
Education, 9/9/81).

C.G.S. § 10-238 Petition for hearing by Board of Education.

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