



Corcoran Joint Unified School District
2016-2017

ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF THE UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (UCP)

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 *Corcoran Joint Unified School District* has the primary responsibility to insure 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.

The *Corcoran Joint 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 complaints may be based on actual or perceived characteristics such as age, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, gender expression, gender identity, gender, mental or physical disability, nationality, national origin, race, ethnicity, religion, sex, or sexual orientation, or on the basis of 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 be used when addressing complaints alleging a pupil enrolled in school being required to pay a fee, deposit, or other charge not specifically authorized by law.

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, Local Control and Accountability Plan, 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:

Mary Taylor
Director of Categorical Programs
1520 Patterson Avenue, Corcoran CA
559 992-8888 ext 1246

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

Complaints alleging noncompliance with the provisions of AB 1575(Pupil Fees) are to be filed with the principal of the school. A complaint can be filed anonymously if specified circumstances exist. The complaint must be filed within thirty(30) days from the date the alleged non-compliant fee occurred or the date the complainant first obtained knowledge of the facts of the alleged noncompliance, 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 LEA's Decision to the California Department of Education (CDE) by filing a written appeal within 15 days of receiving the LEA's Decision. The appeal must include a copy of the complaint filed with the LEA and a copy of the LEA'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 LEA'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 *Corcoran Joint Unified School District's* UCP policy and complaint procedures shall be available free of charge.