

Copper Country Intermediate School District

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MEMO

TO: Employees, Parents, Students and Other Interested Persons
FROM: James D. Rautiola, Superintendent
RE: **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR DISCRIMINATION**

SECTION 1:

If any person believes that the Copper Country Intermediate School District or any of the District's staff has inadequately applied the principles and/or regulations of (1) Title II, Title VI, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (2) Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972, (3) Section 503 or 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (4) the Age Discrimination Act, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, and/or (5) the Americans With Disabilities Act, s/he may bring forward a complaint, which shall be referred to as a grievance, to one of the District's Civil Rights Compliance Officers:

JAMES D. RAUTIOLA., SUPERINTENDENT
KRISTINA PENFOLD, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
COPPER COUNTRY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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SECTION 2:

The person who believes s/he has a valid basis for grievance shall discuss the grievance informally and on a verbal basis with the District Civil Rights Compliance Officer, who shall in turn investigate the complaint and reply with an answer to the complainant. S/He may initiate formal procedures according to the following steps:

- Step 1:** A written statement of the grievance signed by the complainant shall be submitted to the District Civil Rights Compliance Officer within five (5) business days of receipt of answers to the informal complaint. The Compliance Officer shall further investigate the matters of grievance and reply in writing to the complainant within fifteen (15) business days and shall file a report with the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall issue a final decision within five (5) business days of receipt of the report.
- Step 2:** If the complainant is not satisfied with the final decision of the Superintendent, s/he may appeal through a signed written statement to the Board within five (5) business days of his/her receipt of the Superintendent's response in Step 1. In an attempt to resolve the grievance, the Board of Education shall meet with the concerned parties and their representative within twenty (20) business days of the receipt of such an appeal. A copy of the Board's disposition of the appeal shall be sent to each concerned party within ten (10) business days of this meeting.
- Step 3:** If, at this point, the grievance has not been satisfactorily settled, further appeal may be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, 1350 Euclid Ave., Suite 325, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

Inquiries concerning the nondiscriminatory policy may be directed to: Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, Washington, D.C. 20201.

The District Compliance Officer, on request, will provide a copy of the District's grievance procedure and investigate all complaints in accordance with this procedure. A copy of each of the Acts and the regulations, on which this notice is based, may be found in the Civil Rights Compliance Officer's office.