

**Policy**

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GRIEVANCES

It is the policy of the Plainfield Board of Education to discover and practice reasonable and effective means of resolving difficulties which may arise among employees; to reduce potential areas of grievances; and to establish and maintain recognized channels of communication between staff and administration. With the ultimate goal of serving the educational welfare of children, the informal grievance procedure following provides for the prompt and equitable adjustment of differences. It is essential that full cooperation be given by all employees to achieve these goals.

Each employee shall be assured the opportunity for an orderly presentation and review of concerns and grievances.

No employee shall suffer reprisals or reduction in status as a result of having presented a grievance or having represented an employee in a grievance.

It shall be the general practice to process grievance procedures during time which does not interfere with assigned duties.

An individual employee or his/her representative during the course of the processing of a grievance shall continue to follow administrative directives and Board policy.

The Board shall comply with grievance procedures set forth in any applicable collectively negotiated bargaining agreements.

See: 4118.3/4218.3 Grievance, Regulation

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Key Words:

Grievance, Staff Grievance, Grievance Procedure, Negotiated, Bargaining Agreement

**Legal References:** N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-1                      General Powers  
N.J.S.A. 18A:27-4                      Power of the Board to make rules governing  
the employment of teachers, etc.

**Possible**

**Cross References:** \*2224      Nondiscrimination/affirmative action  
\*4111      Recruitment, selection and hiring  
\*4112.8      Nepotism  
\*4147      Employee safety  
\*5145.4      Equal educational opportunity  
\*6121      Nondiscrimination/affirmative action

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.