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Federal Programs Complaint Procedures

(a) **Purpose:** Federal Programs regulations (34CFR Part 299, Subpart F S299.10-12) pertaining to programs under the reauthorized *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* require the State Education Agency (SEA) to adopt written procedures, consistent with State law for:

- (1) Receiving and resolving any complaint from an organization or individual that the SEA or an agency or consortium of agencies is violating a Federal statute or regulations that apply to a covered program listed in subsection (b) of this section.
- (2) Reviewing an appeal from a decision of an agency or consortium of agencies with respect to a complaint; and
- (3) Conducting an independent on-site investigation of a complaint if the SEA determines that an on-site investigation is necessary.

(b) **Covered Programs:** Programs covered by this section are the following:

- (1) Part A of Title I (Improving Basic Programs Operated by LEAs)
- (2) Subpart I of Part B of Title I (Reading First)
- (3) Subpart 3 of Part B of Title I (Even Start Family Literacy Programs)
- (4) Part C of Title I (Migrant Education)
- (5) Part D of Title I (Neglected and Delinquent)
- (6) Part F of Title I (Comprehensive School Reform)
- (7) Part A of Title II (Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund)
- (8) Part B of Title II (Math and Science Partnerships)
- (9) Part D of Title II (Enhancing Education Through Technology)
- (10) Part A of Title III (English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement)
- (11) Part A of Title IV (Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities)
- (12) Part B of Title IV (21st Century Community Learning Centers)
- (13) Part A of Title V (Innovative Programs)
- (14) Subpart I of Part B of Title VI (Small, Rural School Achievement Program)
- (15) Subpart 2 of Part B of Title VI (Rural and Low-Income School Program)

(c) **Complaint Procedures at the Local Education Agency (LEA) Level:**

- (1) All complaints concerning an LEA should be filed with the appropriate LEA or with the General Counsel of the State Department of Education. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of a complaint, the applicant agency shall conduct an investigation of the allegation and resolve the complaint. After the investigation and resolution, a written decision shall be filed with the General Counsel of the State Department of Education and the complainant.
- (2) A complaint may be filed by parents, teachers, or other concerned individuals or by an

Education to review, at the Secretary's discretion, the final decision made by the SEA.

(8) Complaints against the SEA must be filed with the General Counsel of the State Department of Education. Complaints must:

- (A) be submitted in written form and specify the Federal program requirements alleged to have been violated;
- (B) be signed;
- (C) include the facts on which the statement is based and the specific program requirement alleged to have been violated; and
- (D) include information supporting the allegation along with the allegation.

(9) The SEA will investigate and resolve the complaint and issue a written decision to the LEA and to the complainant within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the complaint.

(10) The complainant has the right to request the Secretary of the United States Department of Education to review, at the Secretary's discretion, the final decision made by the SEA.

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