

Bibb County School District
Complaint Procedures under the
Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)

A. Grounds for a Complaint

Any individual, organization, or agency (“complainant”) may file a complaint with Bibb County School District (BCSD) if that individual, organization, or agency believes and alleges that BCSD is violating a Federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date the complaint is received, unless a longer period is reasonable because the violation is considered systemic or ongoing.

B. Federal Programs for Which Complaints Can Be Filed

1. Title I, Part A: Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies
2. Title I, Part C: Education of Migrant Children
3. Title I, Part D: Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk
4. Title II, Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund
5. Title III, Part A: English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
6. Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income Schools
7. Title IX, Part E, Subpart 1, Section 9503: Complaint Process for Participation of Private School Children
8. McKinney-Vento Act
9. School Improvement 1003(a)
10. School Improvement 1003(g) (SIG)
11. RT3 and Lowest Achieving Schools

C. Complaints Originating at the Local Level

As part of its Assurances within ESEA program grant applications and pursuant to Section 9306 of ESEA, an LEA accepting federal funds must have local written procedures for the receipt and resolution of complaints alleging violations of law in the administration of covered programs. Therefore a complaint should not be filed with the Georgia Department of Education until every effort has been made to resolve through local written complaint procedures. If the complainant has tried to file a complaint with Bibb County School District to no avail, the complainant must provide the Georgia Department of Education written proof of their attempt to resolve the issue with Bibb County School District.

D. Filing a Complaint

A complaint must be made in writing and signed by the complainant. The complaint must include the following:

1. A statement that Bibb County School District has violated a requirement of a Federal statute or regulation that applies to an applicable program;
2. The date on which the violation occurred;
3. The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated (include citation to the Federal statute or regulation);
4. A list of the names and telephone numbers of individuals who can provide additional information;
5. Whether a complaint has been filed with any other government agency, and if so, which agency;
6. Copies of all applicable documents supporting the complainant’s position; and the address of the complainant.
7. The complaint must be addressed to:
Bibb County School District
The Office of Superintendent
484 Mulberry Street
Macon, GA 31201

Once the complaint is received by Bibb County School District it will be copied and forwarded to the appropriate Federal Program Director/Coordinator.

E. Investigation of Complaint

Within ten (10) days of receipt of the complaint, Bibb County School District will issue a Letter of Acknowledgement to the complainant that contains the following information:

1. The date BCSD received the complaint;
2. How the complainant may provide additional information;
3. A statement of the ways in which BCSD may investigate or address the complaint; and
4. Any other pertinent information.

If additional information or an investigation is necessary, BCSD will have sixty (60) days from receipt of the information to complete the investigation and issue a Letter of Findings. If the Letter of Findings indicates that a violation has been found, a timeline for corrective action will be included. The sixty (60) day timeline may be extended if exceptional circumstances occur. The Letter of Findings will be sent directly to the complainant, as well as the other parties involved.

F. Right of Appeal

If an individual, organization, or agency is aggrieved by the final decision of Bibb County School District, that individual, organization, or agency has the right to request review of the decision by the Georgia Department of Education.

For complaints filed pursuant to Section 9503 (20 U.S.C. 7883, complaint process for participation of private school children), a complainant may appeal to the Georgia Department of Education no later than thirty (30) days from the date on which the complainant receives the Letter of Findings. The appeal must be accompanied by a copy of the Bibb County School District's decision and include a complete statement of the reasons supporting the appeal.

**Bibb County School District
Complaint Form for Federal Programs
Under The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)**

Please Print Name (Complainant):	
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number (home): Phone Number (work/cell):	
Date on which violation occurred:	
Statement that the Bibb County School District (BCSD) has violated a requirement of a Federal statute or regulation that applies to an applicable program (include citation to the Federal statute or regulation) (attach additional sheets if necessary):	
The facts on which the statement is based and the specific requirement allegedly violated (attach additional sheets if necessary):	
List the names and telephone numbers of individuals who can provide additional information.	
Has a complaint been filed with any other government agency? If so, provide the name of the agency.	
Please attach/enclose copies of all applicable documents supporting your position.	
Signature of Complainant:	Date:
Mail this form to: Bibb County School District The Office of Superintendent 484 Mulberry Street Macon, GA 31201	