



Charter Schools Institute
The State University of New York

FORMAL COMPLAINTS – APPEAL TO SUNY

Subdivision 2855(4) of the New York Education Law, which is part of the NY Charter Schools Act of 1998, provides a parent, as well as any other individual or entity (such as a contractor or school district) who believes that a charter school has violated a term of its charter or applicable law relating to the management or operation of the charter school, with an opportunity to complain formally to the charter school education corporation’s board of trustees and seek relief. The charter school education corporation is the legal entity that operates the school and may operate more than one school.

If the education corporation board of trustees, or a person or entity it has designated to handle complaints, does not satisfactorily address the issue, you may appeal the decision to the SUNY Charter Schools Institute (the “Institute”). Please remember, the Institute only reviews complaints that were first brought to the education corporation board of trustees.

We provide this form for the convenience of persons bringing appeals. You can write up your own complaint but it should contain all of the information requested below. Please answer all questions as best you can. If the space provided is too limited, attach an additional sheet(s).

Please complete this form and email to charters@suny.edu.
Alternatively, please mail the form to:

SUNY Charter Schools Institute
41 State Street, Suite 700
Albany, NY 12207

Please be sure to attach copies of all correspondence between you and the school and any evidence related to your complaint.

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2. Have you transmitted your complaint, in writing, to the charter school education corporation’s board of trustees or a person or entity it has designated to handle complaints in accordance with the school’s complaint policy? YES / NO (circle one).

Please attach a copy of the correspondence.

3. Did the board of trustees or its designee respond, in writing, to your complaint? YES / NO (circle one).

If NO, please go to #4.

If YES, please attach a copy of the board's response, and go to #4.

4. Has the school taken all the actions noted in its response? YES / NO (circle one).

If, in your opinion, the school has not taken all the actions noted in the response, what aspect(s) of its actions have not been sufficient?

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5. Describe specifically the action or relief you are now seeking.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

Please be sure to attach copies of all correspondence between you and the school and submit the completed form together with any attachments to: charters@suny.edu, or:

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