

Alaska Complaint/Dispute Resolution Procedures for Programs under ESEA as amended by ESSA October 2016

Alaska Regulation 4 AAC 06.888 outlines the process for any person to file a complaint related to any of the program requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently authorized as No Child Left Behind. This includes complaints regarding Title I, Part A, Education for the Disadvantaged and the dispute resolution required under Section 722(g)(1)(C) of the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youths Act. The regulation requires the individual to first file a complaint with the school district. If the complaint is not resolved by the school district, the individual may file a complaint with the Alaska Department of Education & Early Development according to the procedures outlined in the regulation. Section (a) of the regulation language is printed below.

4 AAC 06.888. Informal review of complaints. (a) *A person may file a complaint with the department alleging that the school district or the department has failed to comply with the requirements of 20 U.S.C. 6301 - 7941 (Elementary and Secondary Education Act), AS 14.03.123, or 4 AAC 06.800 - 4 AAC 06.899, and seeking informal review under this section of those allegations. For a complaint to be reviewed, it must include*

- (1) a statement describing the provision of law that the school district or department has allegedly violated;*
- (2) a statement of the facts that the complainant alleges to establish the violation;*
- (3) the name and address of the complainant; and*
- (4) documentation that shows that the complainant first presented the complaint to the school district, if the complaint alleges that the school district committed the violation.*