

WAC 180-90-170 Complaints against private schools. (1) Complaints about an approved private school may be made in writing to the state board of education and may be made through an online form available on the state board of education's website.

(2) If a complaint against a private school is received, the state board of education will:

(a) Notify the complainant that the communication was received;

(b) Notify the school of the complaint, provide a copy of the complaint if requested, and provide an opportunity for the school to respond. All correspondence will conform to state and federal student privacy laws; and

(c) Review the complaint and the school's response and may take appropriate action it deems necessary. Any action taken by the state board of education will be limited to authority pursuant to chapter 28A.195 RCW and the rules promulgated thereunder.

(3) The record of the complaint, the response and any action taken will be retained according to the record retention schedule established by the office of the secretary of state for the state board of education.

(4) The state board of education will follow the process described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section if complaints are relayed to the state board of education by other state agencies regarding a private school, including the office of the superintendent of public instruction regarding private schools authorized to provide special education and related services for students with disabilities under RCW 28A.300.690, and by the department of children, youth, and families concerning residential private schools under RCW 26.44.210.

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