

Odyssey Charter School, Inc.
Parent Conflict Procedure Relating to HB
1557 “Parental Rights in Education”

If a parent’s complaint relates to House Bill 1557:

(<https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1557/BillText/er/PDF>)

Step 1: Contact Principal/designee. An administrative response must be made within 7 days of receiving the complaint.

Step 2: Contact Board Designated Parent Representative if unresolved within 7 days.

Step 3: Contact Odyssey School Board if unresolved within 7 days.

Step 4: If unresolved within 7 days of Odyssey School Board contact, a parent may present the dispute to Brevard Public Schools, in writing. At that time, the Brevard Public School District (BPS) must attempt to resolve the dispute within 30 days. If BPS is unable to resolve the dispute, a parent may request the appointment of a special magistrate utilizing a form prescribed by the Florida Department of Education.

Procedures for Parents to Notify School of Concerns Relating to Parental Rights in Education

Parents or guardians have a right to raise concerns regarding a charter school’s compliance with HB 1557 - Parental Rights in Education (2022). The following is a summary of the concerns that may be raised under the Parental Rights in Education (F.S. 1001.42 (8)(c)), but the entire bill can be found at: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1557/BillText/er/PDF>

- The required notice regarding a change in the student's services or monitoring related to the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being and the charter school's ability to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for the student.
- The requirement for school personnel to encourage a student to discuss issues related to their well-being with their parent(s).
- The prohibition against school personnel prohibiting or discouraging parental notification of and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.
- The prohibition of classroom instruction by school personnel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity in kindergarten through 8th grade, and if such instruction is provided in grades 9 through 12, the instruction must be age-appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with State standards.
- The requirement that student support services training adhere to student services guidelines, standards, and frameworks established by the Florida Department of Education.
- The requirement that, at the beginning of each school year, the school notify parents of each healthcare service offered at their child's school and of the option to withhold consent or decline any specific service.
- The requirement that the school provide a copy of a well-being questionnaire or health screening form to the parent and obtain the permission of the parent before administering the questionnaire or health screening form to a student in kindergarten through grade 3.

On October 19, 2022, the State Board of Education adopted Rule 6A-6.0791, addressing the application of HB 1557 to all charter schools. The purpose of Rule 6A-6.0791 is to provide information to a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a charter school about the process for resolving a complaint regarding any of the above concerns.