

# Sands CISD

## Program Year 2020/2021

### Policy for Handling Complaints of Discrimination

#### Policy:

All cafeteria will display the updated nondiscrimination poster in a prominent location for public viewing in the service area(s).

#### Procedures:

Any person alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability has a right to file a complaint. All complaints, written or verbal, shall be accepted.

#### **SFA procedure will be as follows:**

- The cafeteria manager or unit supervisor (or any SFA administrative staff) will:
  1. Listen to any parent/guardian complaint or concern, try to answer questions, and provide them with the discrimination complaint form that either the parent will complete or SFA staff will complete based on the verbal complaint.
  2. The completed form will be forwarded to the CE Superintendent.
  
- The SFA administrator will forward the discrimination complaint form to the Food and Nutrition Division of the Texas Department of Agriculture at:
  - Food and Nutrition Division
  - Texas Department of Agriculture
  - P.O. Box 12847
  - Austin, TX 78711
  
- Texas Department of Agriculture will forward the information to US Department of Agriculture.

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To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.