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**To:** (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)  
**Cc:** [OCR Philadelphia](#)  
**Subject:** OCR Electronic Complaint Submission  
**Date:** Friday, January 5, 2024 2:44:07 PM

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## REQUEST FOR CONSENT AND CONFIRMATION OF YOUR SUBMISSION

Thank you for submitting your complaint to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

To facilitate the processing of your complaint, **please submit your signed consent form within 20 calendar days of the date of this email.** If you checked the box on the complaint form requesting early mediation, you **MUST** submit a signed consent form to participate.

You may submit your signed consent form in one of these three ways:

1. Email a scanned PDF file or photo/jpeg file of your consent form to the email address below;  
or
2. Fax your consent form to the fax number below; or
3. Mail your consent form to the office address below. Please notify OCR using the email address or phone number below that you are mailing your consent form. In your e-mail or voicemail message, please include your case number, the name of the recipient, and the date that you mailed your signed consent form.

A copy of the consent form is available for your convenience at [OCR Complaint Consent Form](#). If you do not have access to a printer, please email or call the OCR Regional Office identified below to request a blank consent form. For more information about how OCR may use personal information with written consent, please see OCR's "[Notice About Investigatory Uses of Personal Information](#)."

**Your complaint has been automatically forwarded to the following OCR Regional Office for review:**

Office for Civil Rights/ED	<b>Phone:</b> 215-656-8541
Philadelphia Office	<b>TDD:</b> 800-877-8339
The Wanamaker Building	<b>Fax:</b> 215-656-8605
100 Penn Square East, Suite 515	<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:OCR.Philadelphia@ed.gov">OCR.Philadelphia@ed.gov</a>
Philadelphia, PA, 19107-3323	

The Regional Office will contact you if it needs more information about your complaint. If you need to communicate with OCR or submit additional information regarding your complaint, **please do not reply to this message.** Instead, please direct your correspondence to the above office.

**We recommend that you print a copy of this message and retain it for your records.**

OCREMAIL00737443A Institution Name: Philadelphia School District- (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)



# Office for Civil Rights Complaint Assessment System

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## Office for Civil Rights Discrimination Complaint Form: Submission #737443

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### 1. Enter information about yourself

**First Name:**

**Last Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip Code:**

**Best Time to Call You:** Day

**Primary Phone Number:**

**Alternative Phone Number:** {Empty}

**Your Email Address:**

## 2. Who else can we call if we cannot reach you?

**Contact's Name:** {Empty}

**Daytime Phone Number:** {Empty}

**Relationship to you:** {Empty}

## 3. Who was discriminated against?

**Yourself or Someone else** Someone else?

If someone other than yourself please include:

**Injured Person's Name:** {Empty}

**Daytime Phone Number:** {Empty}

**Evening Phone Number:** {Empty}

**Relationship to You**  
(eg. son or daughter) Child

**Injured Person's Address:** Same

**City:** Same

**State:** {Empty}

**Zip Code:** {Empty}

## 4. What institution discriminated?

**Institution Name:** Philadelphia School District-

**Address:** {Empty}

**City:** Philadelphia

**State:** Pennsylvania

**Zip Code:**

**School or department involved:**

## 5. Have you tried to resolve the complaint through the institution's

# grievance process, due process hearing, or with another agency?

Have you tried to resolve the complaint? No

## 6. Describe the discrimination

OCR enforces regulations that prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin; sex; disability; and/or age.

(You may select more than one.)

**On what basis were you discriminated against?** race or color, national origin

**In the space provided below please describe each discriminatory action separately. For each action, you need to provide the following information:**

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); Student (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

My student viewed it,

Recorded it and asked for escalation to School based on code of conduct. cyber bullying policy 102b. Reported to school, several follow up requests, (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) with other complaints this was worked on at school and student denied post and documented evidence was not shared or used to confront student. We sent documented evidence again in (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) and no follow up occurred.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) student outside of school told my student they hates Jews. Reported to school was not investigated to our knowledge and no reply was provided to the outcome of our reporting. Per Code of Conduct we believe this behavior is in scope during (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); student arrives to school with (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)  
Student is typically dressed in (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); Student wanted my (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); student to (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)  
(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); I notified school and district leadership. They interviewed student who lied and said it wasn't the (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); they previously pronounced. Administration told student they loved the (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); Student was allowed to continue to (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); and continued to tell other students that they were (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) This was very traumatic for my (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); student given the US declared terror attack on 10/7 in Israel. I was sent no information other than it was a misunderstanding and not to send pictures again to the school.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); At school (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) and handed to Another student to give to my (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); student.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); A (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); student (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) and wrote my students name and referenced their (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C)  
Student erased the drawing not to get in trouble.

Date unknown to me- (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) A teacher reported it. Principal had it removed. No one was notified in the community

(b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); (b)(7)(C) violates fundraising policy of school district and was promoting misinformation of Israel. Flyers plastered about Israel committing genocide and occupation. Flyers had images of Israel removed from the map. Sent email to school and district requesting answers. Received one response only from district Chief of Staff and nothing further. Response was looking into it with Superintendent Dawson. Was told by Climate manager that the flyers were approved by Principal and they couldn't help me any further.

Date unknown- Teacher and Admin meeting where teachers raised issue of antisemitism and (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); and

were told there would no discussion about the events and not to speak with families.

Break out session of the Monthly (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); hosted by AS Gordon to discuss (b)(6); flyers more parents shared antisemitic stories at (b)(6); (b)(7)(A); AS Gordon met with approx 10 of us. To collect information but advised history was perspective and admitted to not knowing enough about the Middle East conflicts or how Jewish families might feel. Advises us that school district leadership wants to maintain neutrality (essentially ignore the crisis and war).

School district promotes teacher learning course about Israel and its occupation of Palestine. Training was removed from course selection.

Assistant Superintendent Jimena Clay is publicly stating Israel IDF is a terrorist organization and remains in charge of 10 district public schools. Many parents have written letters of concern to no response.

Have not heard one time from the Principal on any of the issues raised.

Do you have written information that you think will help us understand your complaint?

**yes or no** Yes

## 7. Your complaint must be filed within 180 days of the discriminatory action

The laws that we enforce require that complaints be filed with our office within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory event. If any of the alleged discriminatory actions took place more than 180 days before the postmark or receipt date of this complaint, you may request a waiver of the 180-day limit. When did the last act of discrimination occur?

### When did the last act of discrimination occur?

**Enter the date:** Tue, 12/19/2023 - 00:00

Are you requesting a waiver of the 180-day filing time limit for discrimination that occurred more than 180 days before the filing of this complaint?

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**yes or no** No

**Reason for not filing complaint before 180 days:** {Empty}

## 8. What would you like the institution to do as a result of your complaint?

**What remedy are you seeking?** A safe place for Jewish and Muslim students.

Training for Administration.

Public apology to community.

Intervention for all students.

Training on No place for hate in school.

Letter from Wattlington condoning Hamas and advising no place for hate in our schools.

Counseling for students.

Safe reporting in place for discrimination that has oversight to be acted upon.

Clear communication when hate crimes occur on campus and in school. (Ie swastika drawings on public school property)

## 9. Option to Participate in OCR's Early Mediation Process

**I am interested in participating in early mediation:** Yes

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