

# Student Complaint Information by State and Agency

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Please note: Whenever possible this report used information provided by the state agency and originally through the no longer live SHEEO Survey. In some cases, email correspondence and web site reviews were also incorporated.

<b>State</b>	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Link to and/or Information about Complaint Process- (for in-state complaints and activities outside of SARA)</b>
Alabama	Alabama Commission on Higher Education - Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning	For Alabama's public institutions, contacts are posted to the ACHE website at <a href="https://ache.edu/ACHE_Reports/Forms/NRI/federal-reg.pdf">https://ache.edu/ACHE_Reports/Forms/NRI/federal-reg.pdf</a>
	ACCS Private School Licensing Division	<a href="https://www.accs.edu/about-accs/private-school-licensure/complaints/">https://www.accs.edu/about-accs/private-school-licensure/complaints/</a>  *note: Complaints for out-of-state institutions are referred to the ACCS Private School Licensure.
Alaska	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education	<a href="https://acpe.alaska.gov/ConsumerProtection">https://acpe.alaska.gov/ConsumerProtection</a>
American Samoa		unknown
Arizona	Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education	<a href="https://ppse.az.gov/complaint">https://ppse.az.gov/complaint</a>
Arkansas	Arkansas Department of Higher Education	<a href="https://www.adhe.edu/institutions/academic-affairs/institutional-certification-advisory-committee/grievance-form">https://www.adhe.edu/institutions/academic-affairs/institutional-certification-advisory-committee/grievance-form</a> ADHE indicates that it has no authority over institutions.
	Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education	<a href="https://www.adhe.edu/private-career-education/students/">https://www.adhe.edu/private-career-education/students/</a>  Webpage indicates that the board has legal authority to "publish and adhere to a procedure for handling student complaints for a school licensed and regulated by the Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education.ds

California	Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education	<a href="http://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml">http://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml</a> * for institutions regulated by BPPE. <a href="https://www.dca.ca.gov/consumers/complaints/oos_students.shtml">https://www.dca.ca.gov/consumers/complaints/oos_students.shtml</a> *for out of state institutions not subject to BPPE.
Colorado	Colorado Department of Higher Education AND Private Occupational Schools	<a href="https://highered.colorado.gov/filing-student-complaint">https://highered.colorado.gov/filing-student-complaint</a>
Connecticut	The Office of Financial and Academic Affairs for Higher Education	<a href="http://www.ctohe.org/StudentComplaints.shtml">http://www.ctohe.org/StudentComplaints.shtml</a>
Delaware	Delaware Department of Education	Only successful finding the complaint process for SARA Approved Delaware institutions - applicable for complaints under SARA policy.
District of Columbia	Education Licensure Commission	<a href="https://osse.dc.gov/service/higher-education-licensure-commission-helc-public-complaints">https://osse.dc.gov/service/higher-education-licensure-commission-helc-public-complaints</a>
Federated States of Micronesia		unknown
Florida	Commission for Independent Education- Department of Education	<a href="http://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie/file-a-complaint.stml">http://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie/file-a-complaint.stml</a>
Georgia	Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission	<a href="https://gnpec.georgia.gov/student-complaints">https://gnpec.georgia.gov/student-complaints</a>
Guam		unknown
Hawaii	Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program	<a href="http://cca.hawaii.gov/hpeap/student-complaint-process/">http://cca.hawaii.gov/hpeap/student-complaint-process/</a>
Idaho	Idaho State Board of Education	<a href="https://boardofed.idaho.gov/higher-education-private/private-colleges-degree-granting/student-complaint-procedures/">https://boardofed.idaho.gov/higher-education-private/private-colleges-degree-granting/student-complaint-procedures/</a>
Illinois	Illinois Board of Higher Education	<a href="http://complaints.ibhe.org/">http://complaints.ibhe.org/</a>

Indiana	Indiana Department of Workforce Development	<a href="https://www.in.gov/dwd/octs.htm">https://www.in.gov/dwd/octs.htm</a>
	Indiana Commission of Higher Education	<a href="https://www.in.gov/che/2744.htm">https://www.in.gov/che/2744.htm</a>
Iowa	Iowa College Student Aid Commission	<a href="https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/StudentComplaintForm">https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/StudentComplaintForm</a>
Kansas	Kansas Board of Regents	<a href="https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/private_out_of_state/complaint_process">https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/private_out_of_state/complaint_process</a>
Kentucky	Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education	<a href="http://cpe.ky.gov/campuses/consumer_complaint.html">http://cpe.ky.gov/campuses/consumer_complaint.html</a>
	Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education	<a href="http://www.kcpe.ky.gov/forms/FormtoFileaComplaint.pdf">http://www.kcpe.ky.gov/forms/FormtoFileaComplaint.pdf</a>
Louisiana	Louisiana Board of Regent	<a href="https://regents.la.gov/students-parents/student-complaint-process/">https://regents.la.gov/students-parents/student-complaint-process/</a>
	Proprietary Schools	<a href="https://www.regents.la.gov/assets/docs/2014/07/StudentComplaintProcedure.pdf">https://www.regents.la.gov/assets/docs/2014/07/StudentComplaintProcedure.pdf</a>
Maine	Maine Department of Education, Office of Higher Education Services	No posted non-SARA complaint process could be found through the website for the higher education agency.
Maryland	Maryland Higher Education Commission	<a href="https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/acadaff/acadaffairsdepartments.aspx">https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions_training/Pages/acadaff/acadaffairsdepartments.aspx</a>
Massachusetts	Office of Private Occupational School Education	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dpl-ip/schools/students/information-for-students.html">http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dpl-ip/schools/students/information-for-students.html</a>
	Massachusetts Department of Higher Education	<a href="https://www.mass.edu/forstufam/complaints/complaints.asp">https://www.mass.edu/forstufam/complaints/complaints.asp</a>
Michigan	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	<a href="https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Post-Secondary_Student_Complaints_498839_7.pdf">https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Post-Secondary_Student_Complaints_498839_7.pdf</a>

Minnesota	Minnesota Office of Higher Education	<a href="http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1078">http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1078</a>
Mississippi	Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation	<a href="http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/student_complaint_process.asp">http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/student_complaint_process.asp</a>
	Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration	<a href="http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/pdfs/pg/PSComplaintForm.pdf">http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/pdfs/pg/PSComplaintForm.pdf</a>
Missouri	Missouri Department of Higher Education	<a href="https://dhe.mo.gov/documents/POLICYONCOMPLAINTRESOLUTION-reviseddraft.pdf">https://dhe.mo.gov/documents/POLICYONCOMPLAINTRESOLUTION-reviseddraft.pdf</a>
Montana	Montana University System, Montana Board of Regents	<a href="http://www.mus.edu/MUS-statement-of-complaint-process.asp">http://www.mus.edu/MUS-statement-of-complaint-process.asp</a>
Nebraska	Nebraska Department of Education, Private Postsecondary Career Schools	<a href="https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PPCS_Complaint-form.pdf">https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PPCS_Complaint-form.pdf</a>
	Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education	<a href="https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/student-complaints-against-postsecondary-institutions">https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/student-complaints-against-postsecondary-institutions</a>
Nevada	Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education	<a href="http://cpe.nv.gov/Students/Students_Home/">http://cpe.nv.gov/Students/Students_Home/</a>
New Hampshire	Department of Education, Division of Higher Education, Higher Education Commission	Placeholder while website is under transition: <a href="https://www.education.nh.gov/pathways-education/higher-education-new-hampshire">https://www.education.nh.gov/pathways-education/higher-education-new-hampshire</a>
New Jersey	New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Center for Occupational Employment Information	<a href="http://lwd.state.nj.us/labor/lwdhome/coei/teu.html">http://lwd.state.nj.us/labor/lwdhome/coei/teu.html</a>

NJ cont'd	Office of the Secretary of Higher Education	<a href="http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/OSHEComplaintInstructions.shtml">http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/OSHEComplaintInstructions.shtml</a>
New Mexico	New Mexico Higher Education Department	<a href="http://www.hed.state.nm.us/students/hed-student-complaint-form.aspx">http://www.hed.state.nm.us/students/hed-student-complaint-form.aspx</a>
New York	Office of College and University Evaluation	<a href="http://www.nysed.gov/college-university-evaluation/filing-complaint-about-college-or-university">http://www.nysed.gov/college-university-evaluation/filing-complaint-about-college-or-university</a>
	Adult Career and Continuing Ed. Services	<a href="http://www.acces.nysed.gov/bpss/student-rights">http://www.acces.nysed.gov/bpss/student-rights</a>
North Carolina	The University of North Carolina Board of Governors	<a href="https://www.northcarolina.edu/complaints">https://www.northcarolina.edu/complaints</a>
	The North Carolina Community College System (Office of Proprietary School Services)	<a href="https://www.ncccommunitycolleges.edu/proprietary-schools">https://www.ncccommunitycolleges.edu/proprietary-schools</a>
North Dakota	North Dakota State Board for Career and Technical Education	<a href="https://www.cte.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/PrivatePS/NDSBCTE_Student_Complaint_Procedure.pdf">https://www.cte.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/PrivatePS/NDSBCTE_Student_Complaint_Procedure.pdf</a>
	North Dakota University System	<a href="https://ndus.edu/state-authorization-sara/">https://ndus.edu/state-authorization-sara/</a>
Northern Marianas Islands		unknown
Ohio	The Ohio Board of Regents	<a href="https://www.ohiohighered.org/students/complaints">https://www.ohiohighered.org/students/complaints</a>
	Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools	<a href="http://scr.ohio.gov/ConsumerInformation/FilingaComplaint.aspx">http://scr.ohio.gov/ConsumerInformation/FilingaComplaint.aspx</a>
Oklahoma	Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education	<a href="https://www.okhighered.org/current-college-students/complaints.shtml">https://www.okhighered.org/current-college-students/complaints.shtml</a>
	Oklahoma Board of Career and Technology Education	<a href="https://www.okcareertech.org/about/state-agency/policies/policies-and-disclaimers/comments-or-complaints-policy">https://www.okcareertech.org/about/state-agency/policies/policies-and-disclaimers/comments-or-complaints-policy</a>

	The Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools	<a href="http://obpvs.ok.gov/students#studentforms">http://obpvs.ok.gov/students#studentforms</a>
Oregon		
	Higher Education Coordinating Commission	<a href="https://www.oregon.gov/highered/about/Pages/complaints.aspx">https://www.oregon.gov/highered/about/Pages/complaints.aspx</a>
Pennsylvania	Department of Education	<a href="https://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/CollegeCareer/Pages/Students-Complaints.aspx">https://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/CollegeCareer/Pages/Students-Complaints.aspx</a>
Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico Council on Education	<a href="http://www.ce.pr.gov/">http://www.ce.pr.gov/</a> Unclear if this process is for SARA or to be used more generally although URL called SARA complaint process. <a href="http://www.agencias.pr.gov/agencias/cepr/inicio/DocumentosCEPR/Documents/SARA/SARA_Complaint_Process.pdf">http://www.agencias.pr.gov/agencias/cepr/inicio/DocumentosCEPR/Documents/SARA/SARA_Complaint_Process.pdf</a>
Republic of Palau		unknown
Republic of the Marshall Islands		unknown
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education	<a href="http://www.ribghe.org/pdfs/BOGStudentComplaintProcessII011012.pdf">http://www.ribghe.org/pdfs/BOGStudentComplaintProcessII011012.pdf</a>
South Carolina	South Carolina Commission on Higher Education	<a href="https://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/academicaffairs/license/Complaint_Procedures_and_Form.pdf">https://www.che.sc.gov/CHE_Docs/academicaffairs/license/Complaint_Procedures_and_Form.pdf</a>
South Dakota	Secretary of State (South Dakota Attorney General)	<a href="https://consumer.sd.gov/complaintform.aspx">https://consumer.sd.gov/complaintform.aspx</a>
Tennessee	Tennessee Higher Education Commission	<a href="https://www.tn.gov/thec/for-students-and-families/transcript-requests-and-institution-complaints.html">https://www.tn.gov/thec/for-students-and-families/transcript-requests-and-institution-complaints.html</a>
Texas	Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board	<a href="http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/links/student-complaints/">http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/links/student-complaints/</a>
U.S. Virgin Islands		Unknown
Utah	Utah Division of Consumer Protection	<a href="http://consumerprotection.utah.gov/complaints/index.html">http://consumerprotection.utah.gov/complaints/index.html</a>
Vermont	Vermont State Board of Education	<a href="https://education.vermont.gov/documents/postsecondary-program-complaint-resolution">https://education.vermont.gov/documents/postsecondary-program-complaint-resolution</a>

Virginia	Private & Out-of-State Postsecondary Education, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	<a href="https://schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/resources/student-complaints">https://schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/resources/student-complaints</a>
Washington	Washington Student Achievement Council	<a href="https://wsac.wa.gov/student-complaints">https://wsac.wa.gov/student-complaints</a>
	Washington Workforce Training and Educ. Coord. Board	<a href="https://www.wtb.wa.gov/private-career-schools/student-resources/">https://www.wtb.wa.gov/private-career-schools/student-resources/</a>
West Virginia	WV Higher Educ. Policy Commission	<a href="http://www.wvhepc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Student-Complaint-Process-revised.pdf">http://www.wvhepc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Student-Complaint-Process-revised.pdf</a>
	WV Council for Community & Technical College Education	<a href="http://www.wvhepc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Student-Complaint-Process-revised.pdf">http://www.wvhepc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Student-Complaint-Process-revised.pdf</a>
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Educational Approval Board	<a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/EducationalApproval/Student.aspx">https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/EducationalApproval/Student.aspx</a>
Wyoming	Wyoming Department of Education	<a href="https://edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/school-programs/private-school-licensing/">https://edu.wyoming.gov/beyond-the-classroom/school-programs/private-school-licensing/</a>
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