

## **Meriwether County School System Complaint Procedures**

### **Grounds for a Complaint:**

Any individual, organization, or agency (“Complainant”) may file a complaint with the Meriwether County School System (MCSS) if that individual, organization or agency believes and alleges that MCSS is violating a Federal statute or regulation that applies to a program under the Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA). The complaint must allege a violation that occurred not more than one (1) year prior to the date the complaint is received, unless a longer period is reasonable because the violation is considered systemic or ongoing.

### **Federal Programs for Which Complaints Can Be Filed:**

- Title I, Part A- Improving Basic Programs Operated by Local Educational Agencies
- Title I, Part C- Education of Migratory Children
- Title I, Part D- Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children and Youth Who Are Neglected, Delinquent, or At-Risk
- Title II, Part A- Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund
- Title II, Part D- Enhancing Education Through Technology
- Title III, Part A- English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement
- Title IV, Part B- 21st Century Community Learning Centers
- Title VI, Part A, Subpart I: Section 6111: State Assessment Program
- Title VI, Part A, Subpart I: Section 6112: Enhanced Assessment Instruments Competitive Grant Program
- Title VI, Part B, Subpart 2: Rural and Low-Income Schools
- Title IX, Part E, Subpart 1, Section 9503: Complaint Process for Participation of Private School Children

### **Complaints:**

For complaints originating at the local level, a complaint should not be filed with the Georgia Department of Education until every effort has been made to resolve the issue through local written complaint procedures.

If the complainant has tried to file a complaint with MCSS to no avail, the complainant must provide the Georgia Department of Education with written proof of their attempt to resolve the issue with MCSS.

For procedures and forms for filing out a complaint, please visit our district website [www.mcsga.org](http://www.mcsga.org).