

Complaint Policy

Valley College strives to ensure that its students are fully satisfied with their education program. However, in order to afford full consideration to students' complaints or concerns, this grievance procedure is set forth to create the framework for problem resolution. Should students have a concern, a discussion with the faculty member or campus staff member can resolve most issues.

All students' complaints will be handled in the following manner:

- 1. The student should first attempt to resolve the issue directly with the faculty member or the campus staff member involved.
- 2. If the student does not feel that the issue has been resolved, the student should present a written grievance to the Director of Academic Affairs (or designated staff member). The Director of Academic Affairs (or designated staff member) should promptly acknowledge the receipt of the complaint and may schedule a meeting in person with the student to discuss the issue. The Director of Academic Affairs (or designated staff member) will respond to the complaint in writing addressing the issue and describing any corrective action, if applicable.
- 3. If the issue remains unresolved, the student may discuss the matter with the Campus Director or Vice President, Education and Online Division. If the student submits a written complaint, the student will receive an acknowledgement of receipt and the opportunity to meet with the appropriate Valley College management staff. After the school has the opportunity to respond to the compliant in writing that addresses the issue and describes any corrective action, as applicable, the student will receive a written response.
- 4. If the student feels that the complaint is still unresolved, the student should submit the complaint in writing to the College's President at the following address: 287 Aikens Center, Martinsburg WV 25404. The President will respond to the student in writing with the proposed resolution.
- 5. If a student does not feel that the school has adequately addressed a complaint or concern, the student may consider contacting the Accrediting Commission. All complaints reviewed by the Commission must be in written form and should grant permission for the Commission to forward a copy of the complaint to the school for a response. This can be accomplished by filing the ACCSC Complaint Form. The complainant(s) will be kept informed as to the status of the complaint as well as the final resolution by the Commission. Please direct all inquiries to:

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools & Colleges 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302 Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 247-4212 www.accsc.org

A copy of the ACCSC Complaint Form is available at the school and may be obtained by contacting (name/position) or online at www.accsc.org.