



## LEGAL GUIDANCE DIRECTORY

When you encounter potential school district non-compliance or infringement of rights under California law, the Defenders Hub [Education Complaint Guide](#) shows how and, to whom, you may file a complaint to hold the district accountable. The **Legal Guidance Directory** below includes organizations that may be able to provide preliminary guidance and references. Note: no direct legal services are not provided by these partner resources.

TOPIC	ORGANIZATION	CONTACT INFO
Book Bans/Censorship	<a href="#">PEN America</a> (Freedom to Read team)	<a href="https://pen.org/book-bans/report-a-book-ban/">https://pen.org/book-bans/report-a-book-ban/</a>
LGBTQ+ Rights/Non-compliance	<a href="#">Equality CA</a>	Sara Malan <a href="mailto:smalan@perkinscoie.com">smalan@perkinscoie.com</a> <a href="mailto:info@eqca.org">info@eqca.org</a>
Religious Intrusion in Public Schools	<a href="#">Freedom from Religion Foundation</a>	<a href="#">Intake form</a>
Public Schools (misc. topics)	<a href="#">OC Women Lawyers Association</a>	<a href="mailto:thughes@rmblawyer.com">thughes@rmblawyer.com</a>
Public Records Act Requests Brown Act First Amendment topics (misc.)	<a href="#">First Amendment Coalition</a>	<a href="https://firstamendmentcoalition.org/legal-hotline/">https://firstamendmentcoalition.org/legal-hotline/</a>
-Special Education -Student Discipline -Anti-discrimination protections for students (including but not limited to protections against discrimination based on gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disability, national origin, and race)	Public Counsel	For Special Education or School Discipline: Call 213-385-2977 ext. 500 or apply at: <a href="https://bit.ly/sped_sd-intake">https://bit.ly/sped_sd-intake</a> For Students Experiencing Discrimination: call 213-285-2977 x410 or apply at: <a href="https://bit.ly/ca_tix_wj">https://bit.ly/ca_tix_wj</a>
LCFF/LCAP district budget, community schools, school facilities and teacher quality ( <i>Williams</i> complaints)	Public Advocates	<a href="mailto:Info@publicadvocates.org">Info@publicadvocates.org</a>
Student Rights/Civil Rights	<a href="#">CA Bureau of Children's Justice Office</a> of the Attorney General Legal Guidance & Policy	<a href="https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/legal">https://oag.ca.gov/bcj/legal</a>