

George Washington Academy (GWA) provides a means for citizens, including school employees, to report suspected financial improprieties or violations of (i) laws or regulations by state and local governments, (ii) waste of public funds or resources, and/or (iii) constructive suggestions for improving state and local governments regarding financial-related matters, internal controls, or compliance. The Hotline coordinates the efforts of existing resources, rather than duplicating efforts of authority already in place.

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Complaint Process:

We request that complaints be reported by filling out the form located on GWA’s website. The form will then be automatically forwarded to the Board Chair or designee.

The individual will need to supply the following information:

1. Description of the suspected violation.
2. The name of the employee(s) involved.
3. The location where the action occurred.
4. When the action occurred.
5. Any other details that may be important for our investigation – other witnesses, evidence, documents, dollar amounts, time period, etc.
6. Specific law or regulation that has been violated if known.
7. Your name, address, and phone number if you desire to provide the information, although you can remain anonymous.

Each improper action should be noted separately and supported with as much specific information as possible. Supplying detailed information contributes to a thorough and efficient investigation. The above information should assist you in providing the details needed for an in-depth analysis. The identity of the complainant is considered protected information under the Utah Government Records Access and Management Act (Utah Code Section 63-2-304) if the complainant requests anonymity from parties outside the office.

Additionally, the State whistleblower statute (Utah Code Section 67-21) protects government employees from reprisal by an employer for reporting, in good faith, suspected illegal acts or waste of public funds. A complaint made to the Hotline, identifying yourself, will provide the necessary communication to invoke the protection of the whistleblower statute.

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