

NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education, its officers and employees, shall not discriminate in its programs and activities on the basis of legally protected classes, such as, but not limited to: race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, sex (including pregnancy, childbirth or related medical condition), age, sexual orientation, disability, predisposing genetic characteristic, military work or status, domestic violence victim status, or use of a guide dog, hearing dog or service dog, as applicable. The district will provide notice of this policy in accordance with federal and state law and regulation.

This policy of nondiscrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services for students, course offerings, and student activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or terminations.

In addition, the district will maintain a website that is accessible (or contains accessible alternatives) on perceivability, operability and understandability principles. The district's Director of Technology is responsible for considering the following when developing or updating the district website:

- Adding the text equivalent to every image;
- Posting documents in a text-based format such as HTML or RTF in addition to PDFs;
- Avoiding dictating colors and font settings;
- Including audio descriptions and captions to videos;
- Identifying other barriers to access; and
- Making other considerations when developing the district's website.

The Board of Education, its officers and employees shall not discriminate against students on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex; sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression).

A finding that an individual has engaged in conduct in violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or filing of a report with third parties in the manner prescribed by the district code of conduct, the law or applicable collective bargaining agreement.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit a denial of admission into, or exclusion from, a course of instruction or activity based on a person's gender that would be permissible under the law, or to prohibit, as discrimination based on disability, actions that would be permissible under the law.

Annual Notification

At the beginning of each school year, the district shall publish a notice of the established grievance procedures for resolving complaints of discrimination to parents/guardians, employees, students and the community. The public notice shall:

1. inform parents, employees, students and the community that education programs, including but not limited to vocational programs, are offered without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex; sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identity and expression);
2. provide the name, address and telephone number of the person designated to coordinate activities concerning discrimination; and
3. be included in announcements, bulletins, catalogues, and applications made available by the district.

The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Personnel Services and School Business Official has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the district's non-discrimination policies. Contact information is available on the district's website.

All complainants and those who participate in the investigation of a complaint in conformity with state law and district policies, who have acted reasonably and in good faith, have the right to be free from retaliation of any kind.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish such rules, regulations and procedures necessary to implement and maintain this policy.

Cross-ref: 0110.1, Student Sexual Harassment
 0110.2, Employee Sexual Harassment
 0115, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention
 5030, Student Complaints and Grievances
 5300, Code of Conduct
 9140.1, Staff Complaints and Grievances

Ref: Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 29 U.S.C. §621 *et seq.*
 Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*
 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000d *et seq.* (nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin in federally assisted programs)
 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000e *et seq.* (nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin in employment)

Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 *et seq.* (nondiscrimination based on sex)

§504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794

Individuals with Disabilities Education Law, 20 U.S.C §§1400 *et seq.*

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 P.L. 110-233

34 C.F.R. §§ 100.6, 104.8, 106.9, 110.25

Executive Law §290 *et seq.* (New York State Human Rights Law)

Education Law §§10-18 (The Dignity for All Students Act)

Education Law §§313(3), 3201, 3201-a

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