

The board affirms the principle that every student, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, cultural or economic background, or disability, should be given an equal opportunity for a sound basic education. Furthermore, no student, on the basis of sex, marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood, will be excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity conducted by the school system. The school system will treat its students without discrimination with regard to course offerings, athletics, counseling, employment assistance and extracurricular activities.

Any student, parent or guardian who feels that this policy has been misinterpreted, misapplied or violated may file a complaint in accordance with board policy 1740/40150/7225 Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure.

The superintendent shall develop appropriate procedures to ensure that public education is provided to each qualified student with disabilities in accordance with 34 C.F.R. pt. 104, subpart D.

Legal References: Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.*, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 705(20), 794, 34 C.F.R. pt. 104; 28 C.F.R. pt. 35; G.S. 115C-1, -367, art. 9

Cross References: Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure (policy 1720/4015/7225), Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities (policy 1730/4022/7231), Education for Pregnant and parenting Students (policy 4023)

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