



POLICY: NONDISCRIMINATION

The district will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment.

Conduct against any student that is based on one of the categories listed above that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive as to limit or deny the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the district's course offerings; educational programming or any activity will not be tolerated. When a district employee knows, or reasonably should know, that such discriminatory harassment is occurring or has occurred, the district will take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the harassment, prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.

The district's nondiscrimination statement will be included in all written announcements, notices, recruitment materials, employment applications, and other publications made available to all students, parents, or employees. The statement will include: 1) notice that the district will not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of any of the above-listed categories; 2) the name and contact information of the district's compliance officer designated to ensure compliance with this policy; and 3) the names and contact information of the district's Section 504 and Title IX compliance officers.

The district will annually publish notice reasonably calculated to inform students, students' parents/guardians (in a language that they can understand, which may require language assistance) and employees of the district's discrimination complaint procedure.

The superintendent will designate a staff member to serve as the compliance officer for this policy. The compliance officer will be responsible for investigating any discrimination complaints communicated to the district.

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The district will provide training to administrators and certificated and classroom personnel regarding their responsibilities under this policy and to raise awareness of and eliminate bias and discrimination based on the protected classes identified in this policy.

CROSS REFERENCES: Board Policy 2020 Selection and Adoption of Curriculum and Instructional Materials
Board Policy 2150 Co-Curricular Program
Board Policy 4250 Use of School Facilities
Board Policy 3211 Transgender Students
Board Policy 2151 Interscholastic Activities
Board Policy 2140 Guidance and Counseling
Board Policy 2030 Service Animals in Schools

LEGAL REFERENCES: RCW 28A.640 Sexual Equality
RCW 28A.642 Discrimination Prohibition
RCW 49.60 Discrimination – Human rights commission
RCW 42 U.S.C. Americans with Disabilities Act
WAC 392-190-020 Training – Staff responsibilities – Bias awareness
WAC 392-190-060 Compliance – School district designation of responsible employee – Notification
WAC 180-40-215 Student rights
20 U.S.C. 7905 Boy Scouts of American Equal Access Act
42 U.S.C. 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES: 2014 – December Issue
2013 – April Issue
2012 – December Issue
2011 – April Issue
Policy News, August 2007 Washington’s Law Against Discrimination