

Nondiscrimination and Student Rights

The Board of Education is committed to providing every student equal opportunity for educational development without unlawful discrimination based on race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, genetic information, ethnicity, marital status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

The Board recognizes the importance of providing each student with a school environment conducive to intellectual, emotional and social growth through participation in a full range of educational programs and activities. The Board and staff will ensure equal educational opportunities in admission to educational programs and courses; access to classes; guidance and counseling; financial assistance services or opportunities provided or administered by the District; course offerings; testing; extracurricular activities; discipline procedures; student support services; and other educational programs, activities, and opportunities.

The District will not use admission criteria for an educational program, course, or activity that unlawfully restrict access based on a protected characteristic. All classes will be available to students without unlawful discrimination based on a protected characteristic.

This Policy does not prohibit programs lawfully designed to meet the particular needs of students with limited English proficiency, gifted students, students with disabilities, or students with other special needs. Board and staff commitments ensure equal educational opportunities in course offerings, guidance and counseling, test procedures, extracurricular activities, discipline procedures and student support services.

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