

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY/ NONDISCRIMINATION

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision regarding equal educational opportunities for all students in the district.

The board believes that the district must provide public education in an atmosphere where differences are understood and appreciated. The district should treat all persons fairly, with respect, and without discrimination or threats of violence or abuse.

Every student of this school district will have equal educational opportunities regardless of ethnic or racial background, religious beliefs, sex, disability, immigrant status or English-speaking status, and economic or social conditions. The district schools will not refuse to admit or exclude any person based on these criteria. The district will advertise this nondiscrimination policy.

This concept of equal educational opportunity serves as a guide for the board and the staff in making decisions related to students. It will be the superintendent's responsibility for developing a plan and providing procedures to assure support of this policy. Each building principal will be responsible for working with the staff and students in his/her school to ensure equal opportunity for all students in all building level programs and activities.

Cf. AC, GBA, GBAA, GBK, JI, JII

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Legal references:

A. Federal statutes:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d; and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Section 1681, et seq.

B. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-63-40 - Discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin prohibited.