

EQUAL EDUCATION 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 will treat all persons fairly, with respect and without discrimination.

Every student of this school district will be offered 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 will not refuse to admit or exclude any person based on these criteria. The district will advertise this nondiscrimination policy.

The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that procedures are in place to support this policy. Each principal is responsible for working with the staff and students in his/her school to ensure equal opportunity for all students.

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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.
2. Section 59-1-435 - Religious Viewpoints Antidiscrimination Act.

C. U.S. Supreme Court:

1. Plyler vs. Doe, 1982.