

Students

Nondiscrimination/Harassment

The Board of Education desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access and opportunities in the District's academic and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any District school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying of any student based on the student's actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, mental or physical disability, religion, age, marital or parental status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, (including gender identity, gender expression, gender transition, transgender status, and nonconformity with sex stereotypes); the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

This policy shall apply to all acts related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a District school. (Education Code 234.1)

Prohibited discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying includes physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on one of the categories listed above that is so severe and pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects a student's educational opportunities.

The Board also prohibits any form of retaliation against any student who files a complaint or report regarding an incident of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the District's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees.

He/she shall provide training and information on the scope and use of the policy and complaint procedures and take other measures designed to increase the school community's understanding of the requirements of law related to discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the implementation of the District's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to remove any identified barrier to student access to or participation in the educational program. He/she shall report his/her findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

Students who engage in discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline. Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or retaliation shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Grievance Procedures

The following position is designated Coordinator for Nondiscrimination to handle complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and to answer inquiries regarding the District's nondiscrimination policies:

Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services
1401 N. Handy Street
Orange, CA 92867
714-628-4466

Any student who feels that he/she has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying should immediately contact the Coordinator, the principal, or any other staff member. In addition, any student who observes any such incident should report the incident to the Coordinator or principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

Any school employee who observes an incident of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying shall report the incident to the Coordinator or principal, whether or not the victim files a complaint.

In addition, the employee shall immediately intervene when safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

Upon receiving a complaint of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, the Coordinator or designee shall immediately investigate the complaint in accordance with the site-level grievance procedures specified in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

Within 30 days of receiving the District's report, the complainant may appeal to the Superintendent if he/she disagrees with the resolution of the complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the student handbook clearly describes the District's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, and the resources that are available to students who feel that they have been the victim of any such behavior. The District's policy shall also be posted on the District web site or any other location that is easily accessible to students.

When required pursuant to Education Code 48985, complaint forms shall be translated into the student's primary language.

(Legal reference next page)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

48900.3 Suspension or expulsion for act of hate violence

48900.4 Suspension or expulsion for threats, or harassment, or intimidation

48904 Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct

48907 Student exercise of free expression

48950 Freedom of speech

48985 Translation of notices

49020-49023 Athletic programs

51500 Prohibited instruction or activity

51501 Prohibited means of instruction

60044 Prohibited instructional materials

CIVIL CODE

1714.1 Liability of parents/guardians for willful misconduct of minor

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crimes

422.6 Prohibition of hate crimes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

432 Student Record

4600 – 4687 Uniform Complaint Procedures

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in Elementary and Secondary Educational Programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681 - 1688 Title IX, Education Act Amendments of 1972

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000e-17 Title VI, and Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34

100.3 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin

104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX

106.9 Notification of nondiscrimination on basis of sex

Adopted: (7-88 4-94 7-96 6-04 6-07 8-12) 9-14

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