TULSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy 4901

NONDISCRIMINATION

Tulsa Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, genetic information, veteran status, marital status or age in its employment, programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Tulsa Public Schools’ non-discrimination policies:

Human Rights and Title IX Coordinator
Tulsa Public Schools Human Capital Department
3027 South New Haven Avenue
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74114-6158
(918) 746-6158

The Board and the District fully support a policy of nondiscrimination/equal opportunity in employment in all job classifications of the District. All employees and job applicants are guaranteed equality of employment opportunity. Students are provided equal educational opportunities. This means the District will not discriminate against any employee or applicant, students, parents/guardians, patrons, and beneficiaries on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, disability, genetic information, veteran status, marital status or age. The District will make reasonable accommodations for students, job applicants and employees with disabilities in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

The Board recognizes the effective application of this policy involves undertaking a program of nondiscrimination/equal opportunity. All District personnel concerned with recruitment, hiring, training, assignments, promotion, transfer, compensation, dismissal, and all other employment practices are directed to govern personnel actions and procedures within the intent of federal and state law.

All recruitment, selection, placement, training, and layoff decisions or recommendations made by the District's supervisors or managers will be based solely on the basis of an individual's ability, merit (as demonstrated by the individual's performance record), and any other considerations that may be mandated by collectively-bargained agreements with employee organizations recognized under Oklahoma law.
All employees applying for a promotion or transfer will be given equal consideration. Assuming an opening exists, the qualifications of candidates for a promotion or transfer will be based solely on the basis of an individual’s ability, merit (as demonstrated by the individual’s performance record), and any other considerations that may be mandated by collectively-bargained agreements.

All other personnel policies and practices of the District, including compensation, benefits, discipline, safety, and health programs, as well as social and recreational activities, will be administered and conducted without regard to any individual’s race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, age, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, marital status or disability.

The District will continually review its personnel practices and procedures to ensure employees, supervisors, and managers are adhering to the District’s commitment to equal employment opportunity principles and practices.

Employees having equal employment opportunity related questions, problems, or complaints should first communicate their concerns to their immediate supervisor. If they are dissatisfied with the supervisor’s handling of the matter, they may pursue their complaint through the District’s formal dispute resolution procedure which is set forth in Regulation 4901-R Grievance Procedure for Discrimination Complaints.

In keeping with the requirements of state and federal law, the District will strive to prevent any discrimination in employment, assignment and promotion of personnel, and in educational opportunities and services offered to students in the District’s programs and activities. Additionally, there shall be no discrimination against any employee on the basis of membership/non-membership or participation in any professional, civic, parent or charitable organization and in the evaluation, employment, transfer, or promotion of personnel.

**Anti-Retaliation**

The District prohibits retaliation, intimidation, threats, coercion, or discrimination against any individual for opposing or complaining about discrimination, or for participating in the District’s discrimination complaint process or making a complaint, testifying, assisting, appealing or participating in any other discrimination complaint, proceeding or hearing.

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Legal References: Title 6, Civil Rights Act of 1964
Title 7, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972
Title 9, Education Amendments of 1972
Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975
Title 25, O.S., Section 1302
Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act