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District 77 Policy 102

102 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that equal educational opportunity is provided for all students of the school district.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It is the school district's policy to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation including gender identity and expression, or age. The school district also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled students.

[Note: Part of the definition of "sexual orientation" within the Minnesota Human Rights Act (MHRA) is "having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness," which is how gender identity and expression gain protection under the MHRA. Minn. Stat. § 363A.03, Subd. 44.]

- B. The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute violation of the school district's policy on harassment and violence and the school district's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to the school district's policy on harassment and violence.
- C. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.
- D. It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy conscientiously.
- E. Any student, parent or guardian having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with the appropriate school district official as provided by policy. In the

absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or a complaint should be referred to the superintendent.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.03, Subd. 2 (Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy)
42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (Americans with Disabilities Act)
20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)

Cross Reference: District 77 Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)
District 77 Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)
District 77 Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)
District 77 Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)