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## **Equal Educational Opportunity\*\***

Every student of the district will be given equal educational opportunities regardless of age, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation<sup>1</sup>, race<sup>2</sup>, religion, color, national origin, disability, marital status, familial status, parental status, linguistic background, culture, socioeconomic status, capability or geographic location.

The district shall develop and implement an Equal Educational Opportunity Plan that assures that no student will be excluded from participating in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity conducted by the district or denied access to facilities in the district. All reports, complaints or information will be investigated. A student or parent may access and use the district's general complaint procedure through Board policy KL - Public Complaints.

The district will communicate the availability of policy and complaint procedures to students and their parents through district communication systems and handbooks, and will be published to the district website and made available at the district office during regular business hours.

\*\* As used in this policy, the term parent includes legal guardian or person in a parental relationship. The status and duties of a legal guardian are defined in ORS 125.005 (4) and 125.300 - 125.325. The determination of whether an individual is acting in a parental relationship, for purposes of determining residency, depends on the evaluation of the factors listed in ORS 419B.373. The determination for other purposes depends on evaluation of those factors and a power of attorney executed pursuant to ORS 109.056. For special education students, parent also includes a surrogate parent, an adult student to whom rights have transferred and foster parent as defined in OAR 581-015-2000.

END OF POLICY

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<sup>1</sup> "Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behaviors differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.

<sup>2</sup> Race also includes physical characteristics that are historically associated with race, including but not limited to natural hair, hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles as defined by ORS 659A.001 (as amended by House Bill 2935 (2021)).

**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 174.100](#)  
[ORS 192.630](#)  
[ORS 326.051](#)  
[ORS 329.025](#)  
[ORS 332.107](#)  
[ORS 336.086](#)  
[ORS 659.850](#)

[ORS 659.852](#)  
[ORS 659A.001](#)  
[ORS 659A.003](#)  
[ORS 659A.006](#)  
[ORS 659A.103](#) - 659A.145  
[ORS 659A.400](#)  
[ORS 659A.403](#)

[ORS 659A.406](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0045](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)  
[OAR 581-022-2310](#)  
[OAR 839-003-0000](#)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2019).

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 793-794 (2018); 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (2019).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12333 (2018).

House Bill 2935 (2021)

House Bill 3041 (2021)

**Cross Reference(s):**

AC - Nondiscrimination

ACA - Americans with Disabilities