

Nooksack Valley School District No. 506
Policy: 3210
Section: 3000 - Students

Nondiscrimination

The district will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Conduct against any student that is based on one of the categories listed above that is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive as to limit or deny the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the district's course offerings; educational programming or any activity will not be tolerated. When a district employee knows, or reasonably should know, that such discriminatory harassment is occurring or has occurred, the district will take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the harassment, prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.

An educational environment that is inclusive, is safe and free of discrimination for all students, regardless of gender expression, gender identity, or sex. To that end, the Board recognizes the importance of an inclusive approach toward transgender and gender-expansive students with regard to key terms, communication and the use of names and pronouns, student records, confidential health and education information, communication, restroom, and locker room use and accessibility, sports and physical education, dress codes, and other school activities, in order to provide these students with an equal opportunity for learning and achievement. Specific training requirements are included in the accompanying procedure.

The district's nondiscrimination statement will be included in all written announcements, notices, recruitment materials, employment applications, and other publications made available to all students, parents, or employees. The statement will include: 1) notice that the district will not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of any of the above-listed categories; 2) the name and contact information of the district's compliance officer designated to ensure compliance with this policy; and 3) the names and contact information of the district's Section 504 and Title IX compliance officers.

The district will annually publish notice reasonably calculated to inform students, students' parents/guardians (in a language that they can understand, which may require language assistance), and employees of the district's discrimination complaint procedure.

The superintendent will designate a staff member to serve as the compliance officer for this policy. The compliance officer will be responsible for investigating any discrimination complaints communicated to the district.

The district will provide training to administrators and certificated and classroom personnel regarding their responsibilities under this policy and to raise awareness of and eliminate bias and discrimination based on the protected classes identified in this policy.

The superintendent shall provide complaint procedures as required by law to ensure that there is in fact equal opportunity for all students in the district.

Cross References:

2020 - Course Design, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials

2030 - Service Animals in Schools
2140 - Guidance and Counseling

2150 - Co-Curricular Program
2151 - Interscholastic Activities
4217 - Effective Communication
4260 - Use of School Facilities

Legal References:

Chapter 28A.640 RCW Sexual equality
Chapter 28A.642 RCW Discrimination prohibition

Chapter 49.60 RCW Discrimination — Human rights commission

WAC 392-190-020 Training—Staff responsibilities—Bias awareness

WAC 392-190-060 Compliance – School district designation of responsible employee - Notification

WAC 392-400-215 Student rights
20 U.S.C. _ 7905 Boy Scouts of American

Equal Access Act

42 U.S.C. __ 12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

Management Resources:

2016 - March Issue
2014 - December Issue
2013 - April Issue
2012 - December Issue
2011 - June Issue

Policy News, August 2007 Washington’s Law Against Discrimination

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