

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision regarding equal educational opportunities for all students in the district.

The board believes that the district must provide public education in an atmosphere where differences are understood and appreciated. The district should treat all persons fairly, with respect, and without discrimination or threats of violence or abuse.

Every student of this school district will have equal educational opportunities regardless of ethnic or racial background, religious beliefs, sex, disability, economic or social conditions, immigration status or English speaking status. The district schools will advertise this nondiscrimination policy.

This concept of equal educational opportunity serves as a guide for the board and the staff in making decisions related to school facilities, employment of personnel, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum and regulations affecting students.

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Legal references:

- A. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d; and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Section 1681, et seq.
- B. S.C. Code, 1976, as amended:
 - a. Section 59-63-40 – Discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin prohibited.