402 DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair employment setting for all persons and to comply with state and federal law.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school district shall not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities because of the disabilities of such individuals in regard to job application procedures, hiring, advancement, discharge, compensation, job training, and other terms, conditions, and privileges of employment.
- B. The school district shall not engage in contractual or other arrangements that have the effect of subjecting its qualified applicants or employees with disabilities to discrimination on the basis of disability. The school district shall not exclude or otherwise deny equal jobs or job benefits to a qualified individual because of the known disability of an individual with whom the qualified individual is known to have a relationship or association.
- C. The school district shall make reasonable accommodations for the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified individual with a disability who is an applicant or employee, unless the accommodation would impose undue hardship on the operation of the business of the school district.
- D. Any job applicant or employee wishing to discuss the need for a reasonable accommodation, or other matters related to a disability or the enforcement and application of this policy, should contact the Senior Human Resource Manager in Human Resources. This individual is the school district's appointed ADA coordinator.
- E. Refer to District <u>Policy 103 Complaints Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons</u> for complaint and grievance procedures.

Claims of discrimination may also be pursued through the following agencies where appropriate:

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Region V 500 W. Madison Street – Suite 1475 Chicago, IL 60661 Tel: 312-730-1560 TDD: 312-730-1609

MN Department of Human Rights 540 Fairview Ave N, Ste. 201 St. Paul, MN 55104 800.657.3704 651.296.5663

TDD 651.296.1283

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Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)

29 U.S.C. 794 et seq. (Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)

42 U.S.C., Ch. 126 § 12112 (Americans with Disabilities Act)

29 C.F.R. Part 32 34 C.F.R. Part 104

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)

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