

ARTICLE IV. STUDENTS

Section 12. Student Discrimination and Harassment.

The District is committed to maintaining a learning environment in which all individuals are treated with dignity and respect, free from discrimination and harassment. The District shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex [including sexual orientation or sexual identity], age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, disability, military status, genetic information, or any other legally protected category in its programs and activities, including employment. Sexual harassment (see specific requirements below) is a form of sex discrimination, and shall likewise not be permitted with respect to students or employees. The District shall not retaliate against a person who reports or opposes improper discrimination or retaliation. The District shall fully comply with all applicable federal and state civil rights statutes. Discrimination, retaliation and harassment are prohibited whether occurring at school, on District property, in a District vehicle, or at any District-related activity or event.

The Superintendent shall designate not less than two compliance officers responsible for coordinating the District's compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and for investigating reports of discrimination or harassment. The Superintendent shall ensure that all required notices under the civil rights or other laws are provided to staff members.

A student who believes he or she has been or is the victim of discrimination or harassment should immediately report the situation to a teacher, counselor, social worker, the building principal or assistant principal, or the Superintendent. A staff member who observes, has knowledge of, or learns that a student has been or is the victim of discrimination or harassment shall immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal or the Superintendent. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the Superintendent. Complaints against the Superintendent should be filed with the Board President.

The Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative guidelines to enforce this policy.

Sexual Harassment

“Sexual Harassment” is defined as conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

1. An employee of the District conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the District on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct (*i.e. quid pro quo* sexual harassment);
2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's education programs or activities; or
3. Sexual assault (as defined in the Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. §1092(f)(6)(a)(v)), dating violence, domestic violence or stalking (as defined in the Violence Against Women Act, 34 U.S.C. §12291(a)).

The District shall not retaliate against a person who reports or opposes sexual harassment. The District shall fully comply with Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the accompanying regulations.

The Superintendent shall designate not less than two Title IX Coordinators responsible for coordinating the District's compliance with Title IX and its regulations, and for investigating reports of sexual harassment.

A student who believes he or she has been or is the victim of sexual harassment should immediately report the situation to a teacher, counselor, social worker, the building principal or assistant principal, the Superintendent, or a Title IX Coordinator. A District employee who observes, has knowledge of, or learns that a student has been or is the victim of sexual harassment shall immediately report the situation to the building principal or assistant principal, Superintendent or Title IX Coordinator. Complaints against the building principal should be filed with the Superintendent or Title IX Coordinator. Complaints against the Superintendent should be filed with the Board President or Title IX Coordinator.

The Superintendent shall develop and implement as an administrative guideline a Title IX Grievance Procedure.