



PERSONNEL – ALL EMPLOYEES

BOARD POLICY – **NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT**

BP 4030

The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools are determined to provide a safe, positive environment where all SBCEO employees are assured of full and equal employment access and opportunities, protection from harassment and intimidation, and freedom from any fear of reprisal or retribution for asserting their employment rights in accordance with law. For purposes of this policy, employees include job applicants, interns, volunteers, and persons who contracted with the SBCEO to provide services, as applicable.

No SBCEO employee shall be discriminated against or harassed by any co-worker, supervisor, manager, or other person with whom the employee comes in contact in the course of employment, on the basis of the employee's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, age, religious creed, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

The SBCEO shall not inquire into any employee's immigration status nor discriminate against an employee on the basis of immigration status, unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the SBCEO is required to do so in order to comply with federal immigration law. (2 CCR 11028)

Discrimination in employment based on the characteristics listed above is prohibited in all areas of employment and in all employment-related practices, including the following:

1. Hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment
2. Taking of adverse employment actions such as termination or denial of employment, promotion, job assignment, or training
3. Unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is so severe or pervasive as to adversely affect an employee's employment opportunities or that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment
4. Actions and practices identified as unlawful or discriminatory pursuant to Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086, such as:
 - a. Sex discrimination based on an employee's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical condition or on an employee's gender, gender expression, or gender identity, including transgender status
 - b. Religious creed discrimination based on an employee's religious belief or observance, including religious dress or grooming practices, or based on the SBCEO's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an

employee's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement

- c. Requiring medical or psychological examination of a job applicant or making an inquiry into whether a job applicant has a mental or physical disability or a medical condition or as to the severity of any such disability or condition, without the showing of a job-related need or business necessity
- d. Failure to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an employee or to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with an employee who has requested such accommodations in order to determine the effective reasonable accommodations, if any, to be provided to the employee

The County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools also prohibit retaliation against any SBCEO employee who opposes any discriminatory employment practice by the SBCEO or its employees, agents, or representatives or who complains, reports an incident, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the SBCEO's complaint process pursuant to this policy. No employee who requests an accommodation for any protected characteristic listed in this policy shall be subjected to any punishment or sanction, regardless of whether the request was granted. (Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11028)

No employee shall, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, be required to sign a release of the employee's claim or right to file a claim against the SBCEO or a non-disparagement agreement or other document that has the purpose or effect of preventing the employee from disclosing information about harassment, discrimination, or other unlawful acts in the workplace, including any conduct that the employee has reasonable cause to believe is unlawful. (Government Code 12964.5)

Complaints concerning employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation shall immediately be investigated in accordance with procedures specified in the accompanying administrative regulation.

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment, including harassment of an employee by a nonemployee, shall report the incident to the County Superintendent of Schools or designated SBCEO coordinator as soon as practical after the incident. All other employees are encouraged to report such incidents to their supervisor immediately.

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall use all appropriate means to reinforce the SBCEO's nondiscrimination policy, including providing training and information to employees about how to recognize harassment, discrimination, or other prohibited conduct, how to respond appropriately, and components of the SBCEO's policies and regulations regarding discrimination. The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall regularly review the SBCEO's employment practices and, as necessary, shall take action to ensure SBCEO compliance with the nondiscrimination laws.

Any SBCEO employee who engages in prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to engage or attempt to engage in such

behavior in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

The SBCEO shall maintain and preserve all applications, personnel, membership, or employment referral records and files for at least four years after the records are initially created or received or, for an applicant or a terminated employee, for four years after the date the employment action was taken. However, when the SBCEO is notified that a complaint has been filed with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing, records related to the employee involved shall be maintained and preserved until the later of the first date after the time for filing a civil action has expired or the first date after the complaint has been fully and finally disposed of and all administrative proceedings, civil actions, appeals, or related proceedings have been terminated. (Government Code 12946)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the County Superintendent of Schools or designee to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
2 CCR 11006-11086	Discrimination in employment
2 CCR 11023	Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction
2 CCR 11024	Required training and education on harassment based on sex, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation
2 CCR 11027-11028	National origin and ancestry discrimination
5 CCR 4900-4965	Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance
Civ. Code 51.7	Freedom from violence or intimidation
Ed. Code 200-262.4	Prohibition of discrimination
Gov. Code 11135	Unlawful discrimination
Gov. Code 11138	Rules and regulations
Gov. Code 12900-12996	Fair Employment and Housing Act
Gov. Code 12940-12952	Unlawful employment practices
Gov. Code 12960-12976	Unlawful employment practices; complaints
Pen. Code 422.56	Definitions, hate crimes
Federal	Description
20 USC 1681-1688	Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX
28 CFR 35.101-35.190	Americans with Disabilities Act
29 USC 621-634	Age Discrimination in Employment Act
29 USC 794	Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504
34 CFR 100.6	Compliance information
34 CFR 104.7	Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
34 CFR 104.8	Notice
34 CFR 106.8	Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures
34 CFR 106.9	Severability
34 CFR 110.1-110.39	Nondiscrimination on the basis of age
42 USC 12101-12213	Equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities
42 USC 2000d-2000d-7	Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
42 USC 2000e-2000e-17	Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
42 USC 2000ff-2000ff-11	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008
42 USC 2000h-2-2000h-6	Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
42 USC 6101-6107	Age discrimination in federally assisted programs
Management Resources	Description
CA Dept of Fair Employment and Housing Publication	Transgender Rights in the Workplace

CA Dept of Fair Employment and Housing Publication	Workplace Harassment Guide for California Employers
CA Dept of Fair Employment and Housing Publication	Your Rights and Obligations as a Pregnant Employee
CA Dept of Fair Employment and Housing Publication	California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment
Court Decision	Shephard v. Loyola Marymount, (2002) 102 Cal.Appl 4th 837
Court Decision	Thomson v. North American Stainless LP, (2011) 131 S.Ct. 863
U.S. DOE Office for Civil Rights Publication	Notice of Non-Discrimination, August 2010
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Comm Publication	Enforcement Guidance: Vicarious Employer Liability for Unlawful Harassment by Supervisors, June 1999
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Comm Publication	EEOC Compliance Manual
Website	California Department of Fair Employment and Housing
Website	U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights
Website	U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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