

Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Policy #401

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

[Note: School districts are not required by statute to have a policy addressing these issues. However, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission strongly encourages the adoption of a policy and will look for such a policy during accreditation visits, audits, or investigations.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide equal employment opportunity for all applicants for school district employment and for all school district employees.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. It is the school district's policy to provide equal employment opportunity for all applicants and employees. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, age, family care leave status or veteran status. The school district also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled employees.

[Note: The Minnesota Human Rights Act defines "sexual orientation" to include "having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness." Minnesota Statutes section 363A.03, subdivision 44.]

B. The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute impermissible harassment and the school district's internal procedures for addressing complaints of harassment, please refer to the school district's policy on harassment and violence.

C. This policy applies to all areas of employment including hiring, discharge, promotion, compensation, facilities or privileges of employment.

D. Every school district employee shall be responsible for following this policy.

E. Any person having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with the Superintendent.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 363 A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
29 U.S.C. § 621 et. seq. (Age Discrimination in Employment Act)
29 U.S.C. § 2615 (Family and Medical Leave Act)
38 U.S.C. § 4301 et seq. (Employment and Reemployment Rights of Members of the Uniformed Services)
38 U.S.C. § 4211 et. seq. (Employment and Training of Veterans)
42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. (Equal Employment Opportunities; Title VII of

the Civil Rights Act)
42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 405 (Veteran's Preference)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)

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