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Students

SUBJECT: COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES BY STUDENTS

While students have the responsibility to abide by the policies and regulations of the District, they shall also be afforded opportunity to present complaints and grievances free from interference, coercion, restraint, discrimination or reprisal. Administration shall be responsible for:

- a) Establishing rules and regulations for the redress of complaints or grievances through proper administration channels;
- b) Developing an appeals process;
- c) Ensuring that students have full understanding and access to these regulations and procedure; and
- d) Providing prompt consideration and determination of student complaints and grievances.

Complaints and Grievances Coordinator

Additionally, the Board shall ensure compliance with Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA). The Superintendent shall designate a District employee as the Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator; and regulations and procedures shall be implemented to resolve complaints of discrimination based on sex or disability.

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the District shall issue an appropriate public announcement which advises students, parents/guardians, employees and the general public of the District's established grievance procedures for resolving complaints of discrimination based on sex or disability. Included in such announcement will be the name, address and telephone number of the Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator.

The Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator shall also be responsible for handling complaints and grievances regarding discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sexual orientation, age, military status, or marital status.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
42 United States Code (USC) Section 2000-e et seq.
Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color,
religion, sex or national origin.

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Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,
42 United States Code (USC) Section 2000-d et seq.
Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or
national origin.
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
29 United States Code (USC) Section 794 et seq.
The Americans With Disabilities Act,
42 United States Code (USC) Section 12101 et seq.
Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972,
20 United States Code (USC) Section 1681 et seq.
Prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex.
New York State Civil Rights Law Section 40-c
Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, creed,
color, national origin, sex, marital status, sexual
orientation or disability.
New York State Executive Law Section 290 et seq.
Prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed,
color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability,
military status, or marital status.
Age Discrimination in Employment Act,
29 United States Code Section 621

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #7551 -- Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination in the District
(Students)