

Equal Educational Opportunity

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religious beliefs, physical and mental handicap or disability, or actual or potential marital or parental status. The District will not knowingly enter into agreements with any entity or any individual that discriminates against students on the basis of sex or any other protected status. Any student may file a complaint by using the Section 504 and ADA Grievance Procedures for claims relating disability discrimination, the Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures for claims of sexual harassment, or the Uniform Grievance Procedure for all other claims.

No student shall, on the basis of sex, be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities pursuant to Title IX and its regulations. Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using the District's Uniform Grievance Procedures.

Students in private or homeschool have the right to participate in extracurricular activities in public schools. The District will not restrict extracurricular participation of students in private school or home school based on their enrollment at the public school.

Inquiries regarding discrimination of any kind should be directed to the building administrator or District's Title IX Coordinator, who shall provide information and, if necessary, direct the individual to the appropriate grievance procedures. Inquiries regarding sex discrimination or sexual harassment may also be directed to the District's Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education, or both. The District will annually publish notice of these rights to students and parents.

The District will not deny or allow educational opportunity based on vaccine status, except those vaccines required by law.

Cross References: Board Policy 3225

Bullying, Harassment, Intimidation and Hazing

Legal References: § 49-2-307, MCA
§ 49-3-201, MCA et seq
20 USC 1681 et seq
42 USC § 12111 et seq.
29 USC § 791 et seq.
28 CFR 35.107

Discrimination in education
Governmental Code of Fair Practices
Title IX
Americans with Disabilities Act
Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
in State and Local Government Services

34 CFR 104.7	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance
34 CFR Part 106	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education
10.55.701, ARM	Board of Trustees
§ 20-5-112, MCA	Participation in extracurricular activities
§ 20-5-109, MCA	Nonpublic school requirements for compulsory enrollment exemption (<i>Revised by House Bill 702</i>)
§ 49-2-312, MCA	Discrimination based on vaccination status or possession of immunity passport prohibited

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