

**Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment**

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This policy shall apply to all acts constituting unlawful discrimination or harassment related to school activity or to school attendance occurring within a district school, to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school, and to all acts of the Governing Board and the Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district.

The Board desires to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment that allows all students equal access to and opportunities in the district's academic, extracurricular, and other educational support programs, services, and activities.

The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, may result from physical, verbal, nonverbal, or written conduct based on any of the categories listed above. Unlawful discrimination also occurs when prohibited conduct is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it affects a student's ability to participate in or benefit from an educational program or activity; creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive educational environment; has the effect of substantially or unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance; or otherwise adversely affects a student's educational opportunities. Unlawful discrimination also includes disparate treatment of students based on one of the categories above with respect to the provision of opportunities to participate in school programs or activities or the provision or receipt of educational benefits or services.

Because unlawful discrimination may occur when disciplining students, including suspension and expulsion, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff enforce discipline rules fairly, consistently and in a non-discriminatory manner, as specified in Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144 - Discipline, Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process, and Administrative Regulation 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students With Disabilities).

The Board also prohibits any form of retaliation against any individual who reports or participates in the reporting of unlawful discrimination, files or participates in the filing of a complaint, or investigates or participates in the investigation of a complaint or report alleging

unlawful discrimination. Retaliation complaints shall be investigated and resolved in the same manner as a discrimination complaint.

The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate students' access to the educational program by publicizing the district's nondiscrimination policy and related complaint procedures to students, parents/guardians, and employees. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall post the district's policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying and other required information on the district's website in a manner that is easily accessible to parents/guardians and students, in accordance with law and the accompanying administrative regulation. (Education Code 234.1, 234.6)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training and/or information on the scope and use of the policy and complaint procedures and take other measures designed to increase the school community's understanding of the requirements of law related to discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review the implementation of the district's nondiscrimination policies and practices and, as necessary, shall take action to remove any identified barrier to student access to or participation in the district's educational program. The Superintendent or designee shall report the findings and recommendations to the Board after each review.

Regardless of whether a complainant complies with the writing, timeline, and/or other formal filing requirements, all complaints alleging unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, shall be investigated and prompt action taken to stop the discrimination, prevent recurrence, and address any continuing effect on students. Students who engage in unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, in violation of law, Board policy, or administrative regulation shall be subject to appropriate consequence or discipline, which may include suspension or expulsion when the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900.4. Any employee who permits or engages in prohibited discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, retaliation, or bullying, shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

All allegations of unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be brought, investigated, and resolved in accordance with Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures.

### **Record-Keeping**

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a record of all reported cases of unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, or bullying, to enable the district to monitor, address, and prevent repetitive prohibited behavior in district schools.

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### 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 board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State	Description
5 CCR 432	Student records
5 CCR 4600-4670	Uniform complaint procedures
5 CCR 4900-4965	Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance
Civ. Code 1714.1	<a href="#">Liability of parent or guardian for act of willful misconduct by a minor</a>
Ed. Code 200-262.4	<a href="#">Prohibition of discrimination</a>
Ed. Code 48900.3	<a href="#">Suspension or expulsion for act of hate violence</a>
Ed. Code 48900.4	<a href="#">Suspension or expulsion for harassment, threats, or intimidation</a>
Ed. Code 48904	<a href="#">Liability of parent/guardian for willful student misconduct</a>
Ed. Code 48907	<a href="#">Exercise of free expression; time, place and manner rules and regulations</a>
Ed. Code 48950	<a href="#">Speech and other communication</a>
Ed. Code 48985	<a href="#">Notices to parents in language other than English</a>
Ed. Code 49020-49023	<a href="#">Athletic programs</a>
Ed. Code 49060-49079	<a href="#">Student records</a>
Ed. Code 51204.5	<a href="#">Social sciences instruction; contributions of specified groups</a>
Ed. Code 51500	<a href="#">Prohibited instruction or activity</a>
Ed. Code 51501	<a href="#">Nondiscriminatory subject matter</a>
Ed. Code 60010	<a href="#">Instructional materials; definition</a>
Ed. Code 60040-60052	<a href="#">Requirements for instructional materials</a>
Gov. Code 11135	<a href="#">Prohibition of discrimination</a>
Pen. Code 422.55	<a href="#">Definition of hate crime</a>
Pen. Code 422.6	<a href="#">Crimes; harassment</a>
Federal	Description
20 USC 1681-1688	Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex
28 CFR 35.107	Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints
29 USC 794	Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504
34 CFR 100.3	Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin
34 CFR 104.7	Section 504; Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievances procedures
34 CFR 104.8	Notice of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap
34 CFR 106.45	Grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment
34 CFR 106.8	Designation of coordinator; dissemination of policy, and adoption of grievance procedures
34 CFR 110.25	Prohibition of discrimination based on age
34 CFR 99.31	Disclosure of personally identifiable information
42 USC 12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act
42 USC 2000d-2000e-17	Title VI and Title VII Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended

42 USC 2000h-2-2000h-6	Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
42 USC 6101-6107	Age Discrimination Act of 1975
Management Resources	Description
34 CFR 106.30	Discrimination on the basis of sex; definitions
CA Office of the Attorney General Publication	<a href="#">Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California's K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018</a>
California Department of Education Publication	California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Update FLASH #158: Guidance for Changing a Student's Gender in CALPADS, July 2019
Court Decision	Donovan v. Poway Unified School District (2008) 167 Cal.App.4th 567
Court Decision	Flores v. Morgan Hill Unified School District (2003, 9th Cir.) 324 F.3d 1130
CSBA Publication	<a href="#">Legal Guidance on Rights of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students in Schools, October 2022</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	<a href="#">Resolution Agreement Between the Arcadia USD, US Dept of Ed, OCR, &amp; the US DOJ, CRD (2013) OCR 09-12-1020, DOJ 169-12C-70</a>
U.S. Department of Education Publication	<a href="#">Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, May 2023</a>
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Publication	<a href="#">Guidance to Federal Financial Assistance Recipients Regarding Title VI Prohibition Against National Origin Discrimination Affecting Limited English Proficient Persons, August 2013</a>
U.S. DOE & U.S. DOJ Civil Rights Divisions Pub	<a href="#">Dear Colleague Letter: Resource on Confronting Racial Discrimination in Student Discipline, May 2023</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	<a href="#">Enforcement of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 With Respect to Discrimination Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Light of Bostock v. Clayton County, June 2021</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	<a href="#">Dear Colleague Letter: Addressing Discrimination Against Jewish Students, May 2023</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Education Toolkit: Creating Inclusive and Nondiscriminatory School Environments for LGBTQI+ Students, June 2023</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	<a href="#">Questions and Answers on the Title IX Regulations on Sexual Harassment, June 2022</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	<a href="#">Supporting Students with Disabilities and Avoiding the Discriminatory Use of Student Discipline under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	<a href="#">Dear Colleague Letter: Race and School Programming, August 2023</a>
U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Publication	Examples of Policies and Emerging Practices for Supporting Transgender Students, May 2016
Website	<a href="#">CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services</a>
Website	<a href="#">First Amendment Center</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Office of the Attorney General</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Safe Schools Coalition</a>
Website	<a href="#">CSBA</a>
Website	<a href="#">California Department of Education</a>
Website	<a href="#">U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights</a>

## Cross References

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0450	<a href="#">Comprehensive Safety Plan</a>
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