

Jefferson County School District 509J

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Nondiscrimination and Civil Rights

The district does not discriminate on any basis listed below and prohibits discrimination and harassment on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual’s perceived or actual race¹, color, religion, sex², sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, or veterans’ status, or because of the perceived or actual race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, or veterans’ status of any other persons with whom the individual associates.

The district prohibits discrimination and harassment in, but not limited to, employment, assignment and promotion of personnel; educational opportunities and services offered students; student assignment to schools and classes; student discipline; location and use of facilities; educational offerings and materials; and accommodating the public at public meetings.

The Board encourages staff to improve human relations within the schools, to respect all individuals and to establish channels through which patrons can communicate their concerns to the administration and the Board.

The superintendent shall appoint individuals at the district to contact on issues concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act and Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the Education Amendments, and other civil rights or discrimination issues, and notify students, parents, and staff with their names, office addresses, and phone numbers. The district will publish complaint procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints from students, employees and the public, and such procedures will be available at the district’s administrative office and available on the home page of the district’s website.

¹ Includes discriminatory use of a Native American mascot pursuant to OAR 581-021-0047. “Race” also includes physical characteristics that are historically associated with race, including but not limited to natural hair, hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles as defined by ORS 659A.001.

² 34 CFR § 106.10 provides “discrimination on the basis of sex includes discrimination on the basis of sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation, and gender identity.”

The district prohibits retaliation and discrimination against an individual who has opposed any discrimination act or practice; because that person has filed a charge, testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, proceeding or hearing; and further prohibits anyone from coercing, intimidating, threatening or interfering with an individual for exercising any rights guaranteed under state and federal law.

Any complaint alleging discrimination may be made to any civil rights coordinator and will be processed in accordance with administrative regulation AC-AR - Discrimination Complaint Procedure. Depending on the nature of the complaint, additional requirements may apply.

The district will document and track:

1. All reports of discrimination received by the district and all responses to those reports issued by the district, including any investigations completed and remedies provided; and
2. The training completed by each civil rights coordinator.

Civil Rights Coordinator

The director of human resources is the district's civil rights coordinator.

The civil rights coordinator(s) will:

1. Be knowledgeable of the requirements in OARs 581-021-0038, 581-021-0045, 581-021-0046, and 581-021-0660;
2. Have the independence and authority necessary to carry out the provisions of OAR 581-021-0660;
3. Monitor, coordinate, and oversee district compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in education, including ensuring the availability of, and providing to students and staff:
 - a. The notice of nondiscrimination³ required by OAR 581-021-0045; and
 - b. The district written complaint process for making reports of discrimination.
4. Oversee and ensure the resolution of district investigations of complaints alleging and substantiating discrimination, including the provision of remedies designed to restore or preserve equal access to an education program or activity;
5. Provide guidance to district staff on civil rights issues in the district;
6. Respond to questions and concerns about civil rights in the district;
7. Coordinate efforts to prevent civil rights violations from occurring in the district; and

END OF POLICY

³ The notice of nondiscrimination will include the name or title, work address, email address, and phone number of each civil rights coordinator.

Legal Reference(s):

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| ORS 174.100 | ORS 659A.006 | OAR 581-021-0045 |
| ORS 192.630 | ORS 659A.009 | OAR 581-021-0046 |
| ORS 326.051(1)(e) | ORS 659A.029 | OAR 581-021-0047 |
| ORS 332.505 | ORS 659A.030 | OAR 581-021-0650 - 0665 |
| ORS 408.230 | ORS 659A.040 | OAR 581-022-2310 |
| ORS 659.805 | ORS 659A.103 - 659A.145 | OAR 581-022-2370 |
| ORS 659.815 | ORS 659A.230 - 659A.233 | OAR 581-075-0001 - 075-0005 |
| ORS 659.850 - 659.860 | ORS 659A.236 | OAR 581-075-0901 |
| ORS 659.865 | ORS 659A.309 | OAR 839-003 |
| ORS 659A.001 | ORS 659A.321 | |
| ORS 659A.003 | ORS 659A.409 | |

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2018).

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-633 (2018); 29 C.F.R Part 1626 (2019).

Americans with Disabilities Act/Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12112 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2019); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2019).

Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. § 206(d) (2018).

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 791, 793-794 (2018); 34 C.F.R. Part 104 (2019).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683, 1701, 1703-1705, 1720 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020).

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018); 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.101-42.106 (2019).

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2018); 29 C.F.R. § 1601 (2019).

Wygant v. Jackson Bd. of Educ., 476 U.S. 267 (1989).

The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, 38 U.S.C. § 4212 (2018).

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff-1 (2018); 29 C.F.R. Part 1635 (2019).

Cross Reference(s):

ACB - All Students Belong

JBB - Educational Equity

GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity

GBEA - Workplace Harassment

JB - Equal Educational Opportunity

KL - Public Complaints