

Rhodes Academy for the Humanities and the Arts Elementary School

Authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program

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Hempstead School District follows the following NYSED Educational Law Policies: Submitted by Rhodes Academy re: Admission Policy January 2025 0100 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND NONDISCRIMINATION The Board of Education, its officers and employees, shall not discriminate in its programs and activities against students on the basis of actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, creed, religion, religious practice, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression), disability, or deny access under the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. The district will provide notice of this policy in accordance with federal and state law and regulation. This policy of nondiscrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services for students, course offerings, and student activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or terminations. A finding that an individual has engaged in conduct in violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or filing of a report with third parties in the manner prescribed by the district code of conduct, the law or applicable contract. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to prohibit a denial of admission into, or exclusion from, a course of instruction or activity based on a person's gender that would be permissible under the law, or to prohibit, as discrimination based on disability, actions that would be permissible under the law.

Annual Notification At the beginning of each school year, the district shall publish a notice of the established grievance procedures for resolving complaints of discrimination to parents/guardians, employees, students and the community. The public notice shall:

1. inform parents, employees, students and the community that education programs, including but not limited to vocational programs, are offered without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, creed, religion, religious practice, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression), disability, or under the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act.
2. provide the name, address and telephone number of the person designated to coordinate activities concerning discrimination; and
3. be included in announcements, bulletins, catalogues, and applications made available by the district.

The District has designated a Compliance Officer to handle inquires regarding the District's non-discrimination policies. The District's Compliance Officer can be contacted at 185 Peninsula Boulevard, Hempstead, New York 11550, Phone (516) 434-4020; email: rgilmore@hempsteadschools.org. The procedure for resolving complaints of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence are covered by policy 0110. All complainants and those who participate in the investigation of a complaint in conformity with state law and district policies, who have acted reasonably and in good faith, have the right to be free

from retaliation of any kind. The Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to establish such rules, regulations and procedures necessary to implement and maintain this policy. Cross-ref: 0110, Sexual Harassment/Sex Discrimination 0115, Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention 5020.2 Racial Harassment of Students 5030, Student Complaints and Grievances 5300, Code of Conduct 9140.1, Staff Complaints and Grievances 9150, Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment Ref: Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 29 U.S.C. §621 et seq. Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §6101 et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq. Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000d et seq. (nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin in federally assisted programs) Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §2000e et seq. (nondiscrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, and national origin in employment) Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq. (nondiscrimination based on sex) §504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794 Individuals with Disabilities Education Law, 20 U.S.C §§1400 et seq. Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 P.L. 110-233 34 C.F.R. §§ 100.6, 104.8, 106.9, 110.25 Executive Law §290 et seq. (New York State Human Rights Law) Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act, 20 U.S.C. § 7905 Education Law §§10-18 (The Dignity for All Students Act) Education Law §§313(3), 3201, 3201-a Adoption date: June 16, 2016 5152 ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS The Board of Education affirms that its primary responsibility is to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children who are legal district residents and who are of legal age to attend school. However, a non-resident student may be admitted to district schools upon payment to the district of the Board-adopted tuition charge, if and only if, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Schools: 1. there is sufficient space to accommodate the non-resident student; 2. no increase in the size of faculty or staff will be necessary to accommodate them; 3. the non-resident student meets the districts criteria for admission; and 4. the admission of such non-resident student is and continues during the enrollment period to be in the best interests of the district. A student who completes his or her third (junior) year at the high school and who has been promoted to the senior class may remain in the high school for his or her senior year, even though his or her parents may have moved from the district after the junior year. This continued attendance is conditional on complete adherence to all rules of conduct, discipline, study and attendance. All children of nonresident professional staff members shall be allowed to attend district schools free of tuition subject only to the approval of the Superintendent. Children of non-resident professional staff members applying for initial admission to elementary schools in the district shall be granted permission in accordance with class size policy after the requests of district resident children have been satisfied. Non-resident high school students may enroll in the high schools summer school at a fee set by the Board, providing the districts class size number is not exceeded. Ref: Education Law §3202 Adoption date: July 11, 2001 Hempstead Union Free School District Edited November 14th 2025