

Fresno Unified Board Policy (BP) 0410

Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities

The Governing Board is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in district programs and activities.

This policy shall apply to all acts related to a school activity or school attendance and to all acts of the Board and the Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district. (Education Code 234.1)

District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from unlawful discrimination against an individual or group based on one, or a combination of two or more, protected characteristics, which include, but may not be limited to, race, color or ethnicity; ethnic group identification; ancestry, nationality; national origin; immigration status; age (40 and above), religion; religious creed; physical or mental disability; genetic information; pregnancy, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or related conditions or recovery; reproductive health decision-making; childbirth, breastfeeding/lactation status or related medical conditions; sex stereotypes; sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, parental, marital, and family status; and veteran or military status; a perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. (Education Code 200, 210.1, 210.2, 212, 212.1, 220, 221.51, 230, 260; Government Code 11135, 12920, 12926, 12940; 20 USC 1681-1688, 29 USC 621, 42 USC 2000d-2000d-7, 2000e-2)

(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)
(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)
(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)
(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 - Family Care and Medical Leave)
(cf. 5131.8 - Anti-Bullying)
(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)
(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)
(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)
(cf. 1240 - Volunteer Assistance)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)
(cf. 6164.4 - Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education)
(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)
(cf. 6178 - Career Technical Education)
(cf. 6200 - Adult Education)

All individuals shall be treated equitably in the receipt of district and school services. Personally identifiable information collected in the implementation of any district program, including, but not limited to, student and family information for the free and reduced-price lunch program, transportation, or any other educational program, shall be used only for the purposes of the program, except when the Superintendent or designee authorizes its use for another purpose in accordance with law. Resources and data collected by the district shall not be used, directly or by others, to compile a list, registry, or database of individuals based on any of the categories identified above.

(cf. 3540 - Transportation)
(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)
(cf. 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement)

District programs and activities shall be free of any discriminatory use, selection, or rejection of textbooks, instructional materials, library books, or similar educational resources.

The use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library shall not be rejected or prohibited by the Board or district on the basis that it includes a study of the role and contributions of any individual or group consistent with the requirements of Education Code 51204.5 and 60040, unless such study would violate Education Code 51501 or 60044. (Education Code 243)

Additionally, the use of any textbook, instructional material, supplemental instructional material, or other curriculum for classroom instruction, or any book or other resource in a school library shall not be adopted by the Board or district if the use would subject a student to unlawful discrimination as specified in Education Code 220. (Education Code 244)

The Board recognizes that with few exceptions, as expressly set forth in Government Code section 12951, speaking languages other than English is a legally protected right and critically important asset in providing educational services in a community as ethnically and culturally diverse as Fresno Unified.

Additionally, pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, district programs and activities shall be free from any unlawful language discrimination, which falls under the class of national origin discrimination. Language discrimination occurs when a person is treated differently because of their native language or other characteristics of their speech, including their accent, vocabulary, and/or syntax.

District programs and activities shall be free of any racially derogatory or discriminatory school or athletic team names, mascots, or nicknames.

Derogatory Native American terms, including Apaches, Big Reds, Braves, Chiefs, Chieftains, Chippewa, Comanches, Indians, Redskins, Savages, Squaw, and Tribe, shall not be used for any school or athletic team name, mascot, or nickname, unless permitted in accordance with Education Code 221.3.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually review district programs and activities to ensure the removal of any derogatory or discriminatory name, image, practice, or other barrier that may unlawfully prevent an individual or group in any of the protected categories stated above from accessing district programs and activities. The Superintendent or designee shall take prompt, reasonable actions to remove any identified barrier.

(cf. 1330 - Use of Facilities)

All complaints alleging unlawful discrimination in district programs and activities shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for students, and Administrative Regulation 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment, for employees.

Pursuant to 34 CFR 104.8 and 106.8, the Superintendent or designee shall notify students, parents/guardians, employees, employee organizations, applicants for admissions and employment, and sources of referral for applicants about the district's policy on nondiscrimination and related complaint procedures. Such notification shall be included in the annual parental notification distributed in accordance with Board Policy/Exhibit(1) 5145.6 - Parent/Guardian Notifications and, as applicable, in announcements, bulletins, catalogs, application forms, or other materials distributed by the district. The notification shall also be posted on the district's website and social media and in district schools and offices, including staff lounges, student government meeting rooms, and other prominent locations as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify parents/guardians of their children's right to a free public education regardless of immigration status or religious beliefs, and their rights related to immigration enforcement. (Education Code 234.7)

District Compliance Officers

The Governing Board designates the following compliance officer (s) to receive formal and informal complaints from constituents, including students, and investigate them to ensure district compliance with law (Title II, V, IX, Title 5, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act):

Executive Director/Equity Compliance Officer
Constituent Services Office Fresno Unified
School District 2309 Tulare Street
Fresno, California 93721
(559) 457-3736
Constituent.Services@fresnounified.org

Chief of Human Resources
Title IX Officer/Age DA (Discrimination Act)
Fresno Unified School District
2309 Tulare Street
Fresno, California 93721
(559) 457-3593
titleix@fresnounified.org

Section 504 Coordinator
Fresno Unified School District
890 S 10 Street, Bldg. C
Fresno, CA 93726
(559) 457-3220
504@fresnounified.org

Assistant Superintendent
Special Education Office
Fresno Unified School District
890 S 10 Street, Bldg C
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spedleadership@fresnounified.org

Concurrently the Board reaffirms its commitment to promote diversity training, racial harmony among its students, staff, and the community; and to promote education that is anti- racist and multicultural.

The district's nondiscrimination policy and related informational materials shall be published in a format that parents/guardians can understand. In addition, when 15 percent or more of a school's students speak a single primary language other than English, those materials shall be translated into that other language. (Education Code 48985; 20 USC 6312)

Access for Individuals with Disabilities

District programs and facilities viewed in their entirety, shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any implementing standards and/or regulations. When structural changes to existing district facilities are needed to provide individuals with disabilities access to programs, services, activities, or facilities, the Superintendent or designee shall develop a transition plan that sets forth the steps for completing the changes.

(cf. 6163.2 – Animals At School)
(cf. 7110 – Facilities Master Plan)
(cf. 7111 – Evaluating Exiting Buildings)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district's web and mobile applications comply with technical standards prescribed by law, and as necessary, shall provide appropriate auxiliary aids and services to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate in or enjoy the benefits of services, programs, or activities. These aids and services may include, but are not limited to, qualified interpreters or readers, assistive listening devices, assistive technologies, or other modifications to increase accessibility to district and school web sites, note-takers, written materials, taped text, and Braille or large print materials. Individuals with disabilities shall notify the Superintendent or principal if they have a disability that requires special assistance or services. Reasonable notification should be given prior to a school-sponsored function, program, or meeting.

(cf. 6020 – Parent Involvement)
(cf. 9320 - Meetings and Notices)
(cf. 9322 - Agenda/Meeting Materials)

The individual identified in AR 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures as the employee responsible for coordinating the district's response to complaints and for complying with state and federal civil rights laws is hereby designated as the district's ADA coordinator. The compliance officer shall receive and address requests for accommodation submitted by individuals with disabilities and shall investigate and resolve complaints regarding their access to district programs, services, activities, or facilities.

Title II/ADA Coordinator
2309 Tulare Street 4

Fresno, CA 93721
Phone (559) 457-3520
Fax (559) 457-3838
Accommodations@fresnounified.org

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination
33315 Uniform complaint procedures
48980 Parental notifications
48985 Notices to parents in language other than English
51007 Legislative intent: state policy
51204.5 Social studies instruction; contributions of specified groups
51501 Nondiscriminatory subject matter
60010 Instructional materials; definition
60040-60052 Requirements for instructional materials
GOVERNMENT CODE

8310.3 California Religious Freedom Act
11000 Definitions
11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act
54953 Meetings; Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility
54953.2 Brown Act compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act

PENAL CODE

422.55 Definition of hate crime
422.6 Crimes; harassment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state or federal financial assistance
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act
1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex
2301-2414 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act
6311 State plans

6312 Local education agency plans
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

621 Age discrimination in employment
794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 American with Disabilities
2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

36.303 Auxiliary aids and services

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.1-100.13 Nondiscrimination in federal programs, effectuating Title VI
104.1-104.39 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
106.1-106.61 Discrimination on the basis of sex, effectuating Title IX, especially:

106.9 Dissemination of policy Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime, January 1999 Notice of Non-Discrimination, January 1999

Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices in Education, August 1991

WEB SITES CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>

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