

### NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The Governing Board is determined to provide a safe, positive environment where all district employees are assured of full and equal employment access and opportunities protection from harassment or intimidation, and freedom from any fear of reprisal or retribution for asserting their employment rights in accordance with law. For purposes of this policy and accompanying administrative regulation, employees include, interns, volunteers, contractors, job applicants, and other persons with an employment relationship.

No district employee shall be discriminated against or harassed by any coworker, supervisor, manager, or other person with whom the employee comes in contact in the course of employment, on the basis of the employee's actual or perceived race or ethnicity; ancestry; color; ethnic group identification; nationality; national origin; immigration status; sex; sexual orientation; sex stereotypes; gender; gender identity; gender expression; religion; religious creed; age; disability; medical condition; genetic information; pregnancy, false , , pregnancy, childbirth, termination of pregnancy, or related conditions or recovery; reproductive health decision-making; breastfeeding or related medical conditions; and parental, marital, and family status,, 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, 220,230, 260; Government Code 11135, 12920, 12926, 12940; 20 USC 1681-1688, 29 USC 621, 42 USC 2000d-2000d-7, 2000e-2)

The district shall not inquire into any employee's immigration status nor discriminate against an employee on the basis of immigration status, unless there is clear and convincing evidence that such inquiry is necessary to comply with federal immigration law. (2 CCR 11028)

In addition, unless otherwise provided for in law, the district may not discriminate against an employee, in any term or condition of employment, or otherwise penalize a person, including termination, based on the person's use of cannabis off the job and away from the workplace, or on a drug screening which finds that the person has non psychoactive cannabis metabolites in the person's hair, blood, urine, or other bodily fluid. However, the district retains the right to maintain drug-free schools or prohibit employees from possessing, being impaired by, or using cannabis while on the job. (Government Code 12954)

Discrimination in employment based on the characteristics listed above is prohibited in all areas of employment and in all employment-related practices, including the following:

1. Hiring, compensation, terms, conditions, and other privileges of employment.
2. Taking of an adverse employment action, such as termination or denial of employment, promotion, job assignment, or training.
3. Unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual, that is offensive and so severe or pervasive as to adversely affect an employee's employment opportunities, or that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the employee's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
4. Actions and practices identified as unlawful or discriminatory pursuant to Government Code 12940 or 2 CCR 11006-11086, such as:
  - a. Sex discrimination based on an employee's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding,

- or any related medical condition, or on an employee's gender, gender expression, gender identity, or sexual orientation
- b. Religious creed discrimination based on an employee's religious belief or observance, including religious dress or grooming practices, or based on the district's failure or refusal to use reasonable means to accommodate an employee's religious belief, observance, or practice which conflicts with an employment requirement
  - c. Requirement for a medical or psychological examination of a job applicant or making an inquiry into whether a job applicant has a mental or physical disability or a medical condition or as to the severity of any such disability or condition, without the showing of a job-related need or business necessity
  - d. Failure to make reasonable accommodation for the known physical or mental disability of an employee, or to engage in a timely, good faith, interactive process with an employee who has requested such accommodations in order to determine the effective reasonable accommodations, if any, to be provided to the employee
  - e. Requiring an employee to disclose information relating to the employee's reproductive health decision-making
  - f. Including a statement in a job advertisement, posting, application, or other material that an applicant is required to have a driver's license, unless the district reasonably expects driving to be one of the job functions for the position and reasonably believes that satisfying the job function using an alternative form of transportation would not be comparable in travel time or cost to the district

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee or job applicant who opposes any discriminatory employment practice by the district or its employees, agents, or representatives or who complains, reports an incident, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint procedures pursuant to this policy. No employee or job applicant who requests an accommodation for any protected characteristic listed in this policy shall be subjected to any punishment or sanction, regardless of whether the request was granted. (Government Code 12940; 2 CCR 11028)

No employee shall, in exchange for a raise or bonus or as a condition of employment or continued employment, be required to sign a release of the employee's claim or right to file a claim against the district or a nondisparagement agreement or other document that has the purpose or effect of preventing the employee from disclosing information about harassment, discrimination, or other unlawful acts in the workplace, including any conduct that the employee has reasonable cause to believe is unlawful. (Government Code 12964.5)

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment, shall report the incident to the Superintendent or designated district coordinator as soon as practical after the incident. All other employees are encouraged to report such incidents to their supervisor immediately. The District shall protect any employee who reports such incidents from retaliation.

The Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent shall use all appropriate means to reinforce the district's nondiscrimination policy, including providing training and information to employees about how to recognize harassment, discrimination, or other prohibited conduct, how to respond appropriately, and components of the district's policies and regulations regarding discrimination. The Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent shall regularly review the district's employment practices and, as necessary, shall take action to ensure district compliance with the nondiscrimination laws.

Any district employee who engages in prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to engage or attempt to engage in such behavior in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Complaints concerning employment discrimination, harassment, or retaliation shall immediately

be investigated in accordance with procedures specified in the accompanying administrative regulation. However, complaints alleging sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

The district shall maintain and preserve all applications, personnel, membership, or employment referral records and files for at least four years after the records are initially created or received or, for an applicant or a terminated employee, for four years after the date the employment action was taken. However, when the district is notified that a complaint has been filed with the California Civil Rights Department, records related to the employee involved shall be maintained and preserved until the later of the first date after the time for filing a civil action has expired or the first date after the complaint has been fully and finally disposed of and all administrative proceedings, civil actions, appeals, or related proceedings have been terminated. (Government Code 12946)

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

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

**State**

2 CCR 11006-11086

2 CCR 11023

2 CCR 11024

2 CCR 11027-11028

5 CCR 4900-4965

CA Constitution Article 1, Section 1

Civ. Code 51.7

Ed. Code 200-262.4

Gov. Code 11135

Gov. Code 12900-12996

Gov. Code 12940-12954

Gov. Code 12960-12976

Lab. Code 1030-1034

Lab. Code 1197.5

Lab. Code 79-107

Pen. Code 422.56

**Description**

Discrimination in employment

Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction

Required training and education on harassment based on sex, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation

National origin and ancestry discrimination  
Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational programs receiving state or federal financial assistance

Inalienable rights  
Freedom from violence or intimidation

Prohibition of discrimination

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Fair Employment and Housing Act

Unlawful employment practices

Unlawful employment practices; complaints

Lactation accommodation

Wages, hours and working conditions

Division of Labor Standards Enforcement

Definitions; hate crimes

**Federal**

20 USC 1681-1688

28 CFR 35.101-35.190

29 CFR 1636

29 USC 218d

29 USC 621-634

**Description**

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; discrimination based on sex

Americans with Disabilities Act

Implementation of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

Fair Labor Standards Act; Providing Urgent Maternal Protections for Nursing Mothers (PUMP) Act

Age Discrimination in Employment Act

29 USC 794	Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504
34 CFR 100.6	Title VI; Compliance information
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 106.1-106.82	Discrimination on the basis of sex; effectuating Title IX
34 CFR 110.1-110.39	Nondiscrimination on the basis of age
42 USC 12101-12213	Americans with Disabilities Act
42 USC 2000d-2000d-7	Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
42 USC 2000e-2000e-17	Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
42 USC 2000ff-2000ff-11	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity	EEOC Compliance Manual Comm Publication

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