

Houston County Board of Education

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General

The Board shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability in its instructional program or activities.¹

Sex shall be defined as the “immutable characteristics of the person’s reproductive system that identify the person as male or female, as determined by anatomy and genetics existing at the time of birth.”²

Discrimination shall include antisemitism, defined as a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews including, but not limited to, rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.³

GOALS

The Board approves the following instructional goals for students:

1. To acquire the knowledge and attitude necessary to achieve and maintain good physical and mental health;
 2. To develop the skills necessary to function as a self-directed person;
 3. To develop the capacity to cope with change through an understanding of the arts, humanities and scientific processes;
 4. To know the principles involved in making moral and ethical choices;
 5. To develop the basic skills of reading, writing, mathematics, spelling, speaking, and problem solving;
 6. To develop a positive attitude toward the lifelong endeavor of learning;
 7. To learn to identify personal talents and interests, make appropriate career choices, and develop career skills;
 8. To acquire knowledge and to develop skills in the management of personal and public resources necessary for meeting obligations to self, family, and society;
 9. To learn to act in a responsible manner;
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10. To learn of the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the community, state, nation, and world;
and
11. To learn to understand, respect, and interact with people of different cultures, generations, and
races.

Legal References

1. [42 USCA § 2000d *et seq.*](#)
2. [Public Acts of 2026, Chapter No. 938](#)
3. [TCA § 49-50-1801; TCA § 49-50-1802](#)

Cross References

School District Goals 1.700
Student Goals 6.100
Student Concerns 6.305