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#### 1530 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Board of Education shall, in accordance with law, guarantee equal employment opportunity throughout the district.

The Board shall ensure all persons shall have equal and bias-free access to all categories of employment and equal pay for equal work in this district without discriminating on the basis of any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a).

The school district's employment applications and pre-employment inquiries will conform to the guidelines of the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights.

The Board will use equitable hiring practices that may correct or prevent imbalance and isolation based on any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a) among the district's staff and within every category of employment, including administration. Promotions and transfers will be monitored to ensure non-discrimination.

The Board shall not assign, transfer, promote, or retain staff, or fail to assign, transfer, promote, or retain staff, on the sole basis of any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a).

The Board will target underutilized groups in every category of employment. The Board will provide among the faculty of each school role models of diverse backgrounds.

The Board shall not enter into or maintain contracts with persons, agencies, or organizations that discriminates in employment or in the provision of benefits or services, on the basis of any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a), either in employment practices or in the provision of benefits or services to students or employees.

The Superintendent shall promulgate a complaint procedure for the adjudication of disputes alleging violation of the law prohibiting discrimination in employment or this Policy.



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The Board shall not discriminate against any person for that person's exercise of rights under the laws prohibiting discrimination in employment or this Policy.

N.J.S.A. 10:5-4; 10:5-12; N.J.S.A. 18A:6-5; 18A:6-6; 18A:28-10; 18A:29-2 N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1; 6A:7-1.3

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#### 2260 EQUITY IN SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM PRACTICES

The Board of Education shall provide all students with equitable and bias-free access to all school facilities, courses, programs, activities, and services, regardless of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a), by:

- 1. Ensuring barrier-free access to all school and classroom facilities;
- 2. Attaining, within each school, minority representation, that approximates the district's overall minority representation. Exact apportionment is not required, the ultimate goal is a reasonable plan achieving the greatest degree of a representative balance that is feasible and consistent with sound educational values and procedures;
- 3. Utilizing, on an annual basis, a State-approved English language proficiency assessment that evaluates a student's English language proficiency on the four domains of listening, speaking, writing, and reading for determining the eligibility and placement of students who may be identified as multilingual learners pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:15-1.3(a)3.;
- 4. Utilizing bias-free multiple measures for determining the special needs of students with disabilities, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4;
- 5. Ensuring support services, including intervention and referral services and school health services pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16, are available to all students; and
- 6. Ensuring a student is not discriminated against because of a medical condition. A student shall not be excluded from any education program or activity because of a long-term medical condition unless a physician certifies such exclusion is necessary.
  - a. If excluded, the student shall be provided with equivalent and timely instruction that may include home instruction, without prejudice or penalty.



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Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.7(b), the Board shall ensure the district's curriculum and instruction are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). The Board also shall ensure its curriculum and instruction address the elimination of discrimination by narrowing the achievement and opportunity gaps, by providing equity in educational activities and programs, and by providing opportunities for students to interact positively with others regardless of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a), by:

- 1. Ensuring there are no differential requirements for completion of course offerings or programs of study solely on the basis of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a);
- 2. Ensuring courses shall not be offered separately on the basis of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a);
  - a. Portions of classes that deal exclusively with human sexuality may be conducted in separate developmentally appropriate sessions based on gender identity, provided that the course content for such separately conducted sessions is the same.
- 3. Increasing and promoting equitable representation of all students in all classes and programs;
- 4. Ensuring schools demonstrate the inclusion of a multicultural curriculum in its instructional content, materials and methods, and ensuring students understand the basic tenet of multiculturalism;
- 5. Ensuring the Amistad Commission Curriculum is infused into the curriculum and is taught;
- 6. Ensuring the Commission on Holocaust Education is included in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary schools, as developmentally appropriate, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28; and
- 7. Ensuring all curricular requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:8 and the NJSLS are taught, including any curriculum developed concerning any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a) or curriculum developed by any commissions constituted for the development of curriculum concerning any of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a).



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The Board shall ensure the district's physical education is in a co-educational setting that is developmentally appropriate and does not discriminate on the basis of the protected categories listed at N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1(a) as follows:

- 1. The district shall provide separate restroom, locker room, and shower facilities on the basis of gender, but such facilities provided for students of each gender shall be comparable;
- 2. The district may choose to operate separate teams based on sex in one or more sports or single teams open competitively to all students regardless of sex, as long as the athletic program as a whole provides equal opportunities for all students regardless of sex to participate in sports at comparable levels of difficulty and competency; and
- 3. The activities comprising such athletic programs shall receive equitable treatment, including, but not limited to, staff salaries, purchase and maintenance of equipment, quality and availability of facilities, scheduling of practice and game time, length of season, and all other related areas or matters.

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20 N.J.A.C. 6A:7-1.1; 6A:7-1.3; 6A:7-1.7

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