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Equal Educational Opportunities

Equal educational and extracurricular opportunities shall be available for all students without regard to race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, ancestry, marital status, military status, citizenship status, culture, social origin or condition, political affiliation, mental, physical or sensory handicap, or by any other distinguishing characteristic and other legally protected categories.

The District will not knowingly enter into agreements with any entity or any individual that discriminates against students on the basis of sex or any other protected status. Any student may file a complaint by using the Section 504 / ADA Grievance Procedures for claims relating to disability discrimination, the Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedures for claims of sexual harassment, or the Uniform Grievance Procedure for all other claims.

Students in private or home school have the right to participate in extracurricular activities in public schools. The District will not restrict extracurricular participation of students in private school or home school based on their enrollment at the public school except as permitted by law. Students in a private or home school seeking to participate in an extracurricular activity shall be required to provide proof of identity and residency to participate.

No student shall, on the basis of sex, be denied equal access to programs, activities, services, or benefits or be limited in the exercise of any right, privilege, advantage, or denied equal access to educational and extracurricular programs and activities pursuant to Title IX and its regulations. Any student may file a sex equity complaint by using the District’s Uniform Grievance Procedures.

Inquiries regarding discrimination of any kind should be directed to the building administrator or District’s Title IX Coordinator, who shall provide information and, if necessary, direct the individual to the appropriate grievance procedures. Inquiries regarding sex discrimination or sexual harassment may also be directed to the District’s Title IX Coordinator, the Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Education, or both. The District will annually publish notice of these rights to students and parents.

The District will not deny or allow educational opportunity based on vaccine status, except those vaccines required by law.

<p>Legal References:</p> <p>§ 49-2-307, MCA</p> <p>§ 49-3-201, MCA et seq</p> <p>20 USC 1681 et seq</p> <p>42 USC § 12111 et seq.</p> <p>29 USC § 791 et seq.</p> <p>28 CFR 35.107</p> <p>34 CFR 104.7</p>	<p>Discrimination in education</p> <p>Governmental Code of Fair Practices</p> <p>Title IX</p> <p>Americans with Disabilities Act</p> <p>Rehabilitation Act of 1973</p> <p>Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in State and Local Government Services</p> <p>Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance</p>
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34 CFR Part 106	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education
10.55.701, ARM	Board of Trustees
§ 20-5-112, MCA	Participation in extracurricular activities (revised by Senate Bill 350)
§ 20-5-109, MCA	Nonpublic school requirements for compulsory enrollment exemption
§ 49-2-312, MCA	Discrimination based on vaccination status or possession of immunity passport prohibited

Cross References:	Board Policy 3010	School Admissions: Entrance, Placement and Transfer
	Board Policy 3005	Bullying Intimidation Harassment & Hazing Prevention and Reporting

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