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EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Consistent with the intent of the School Committee and applicable legislation and regulations, no person shall be excluded or discriminated against, particularly with reference to their race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, physical and intellectual differences, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition.

To accomplish this, the Committee appoints the Superintendent of Schools as the designated compliance officer to make every effort to comply with the letter and the spirit of the Massachusetts equal educational opportunities law which prohibits discrimination in public school admissions and programs. The law reads as follows:

No child shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and course of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition.

This will mean that every student will be given equal opportunity in school admission, admissions to courses, course content, guidance, and extracurricular and athletic activities.

All implementing provisions issued by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in compliance with this law will be followed.

Source: MASC, updated: March 2018

Adopted: March 23, 1976; revised November 7, 1978, March 21, 1996, August 21, 2012 and March 5, 2019

Legal References: Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972

Executive Order 11246, as amended by E.O. 11375

Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

M.G.L. 76:5; 76:16 (Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971)

BESE regulations 603 CMR 26:00

BESE regulations 603 CMR 28.00

Cross References: AC, Nondiscrimination