

## EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY/ NONDISCRIMINATION

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision regarding equal educational opportunities for all students in the center.

The board believes that the center must provide public education in an atmosphere where differences are understood and appreciated. The center should treat all persons fairly, with respect, and without discrimination or threats of violence or abuse.

Every student at the center will have equal educational opportunities regardless of ethnic or racial background, religious beliefs, sex, disability, immigrant status or English-speaking status, and economic or social conditions. The center will not refuse to admit or exclude any person based on these criteria. The center will advertise this nondiscrimination policy.

This concept of equal educational opportunity serves as a guide for the board and the staff in making decisions related to school facilities, employment of personnel, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum and regulations affecting students. It will be the director's responsibility for developing a plan and providing procedures to assure support of this policy.

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Legal references:

A. Federal statutes:

1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d; and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Section 1681, et seq.

B. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Section 59-63-40 - Discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin prohibited.