



Lawrence Public Schools

Section J: STUDENTS

JB

Subject: EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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POLICY STATEMENT

In recognition of the diversified characteristics and needs of our students and with the keen desire to be responsive to them, the district will make every effort to protect the dignity of the students as individuals. As such, every student will be given equal opportunity in school admission, admission to course, course content, support services, and extracurricular and athletic activities. These opportunities will not be impaired or abridged because of race, color, gender, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, homeless status, physical or intellectual differences, pregnancy, or pregnancy related conditions.

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

To accomplish this, the district and its staff will 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.

LEGAL REFS.: 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)
DESE regulations 603 CMR 26:00
DESE regulations 603 CMR 28.00
The McKinney-Vento Act and Title I Part A, as Amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015

CROSS REF.: AC, Nondiscrimination
JF, School Admissions
JFABD, Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
JFABE, Educational Opportunities for Military Children
JFABF, Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care