Policy: Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

Adopted: March 3, 2014

Maine School Administrative District No. 61 prohibits discrimination against and harassment of school employees, candidates for employment, students and others with rights to admission or access to school programs, activities or premises on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry or national origin, age, disability or genetic information. For the purpose of this policy, "sexual orientation" means a person's actual or perceived heterosexuality, bisexuality, homosexuality, or gender identity or expression.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility for implementing this policy. M.S.A.D. No. 61's Affirmative Action Plan will include designation of an Affirmative Action Officer who will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all Federal and State requirements related to nondiscrimination. The Affirmative Action Officer will be appointed by the Superintendent and will be a person with direct access to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent/Affirmative Action Officer shall be responsible for ensuring that notice of compliance with Federal and State civil rights laws is provided to all applicants for employment, employees, students, parents, and others, as appropriate.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. ' 1681 et seq.)
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352)
Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. SS 794 et seq.)
Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. SS 12101 et seq
5 MRSA SS 4551, ET SEQ. (Maine Human Rights Act);
(5 19301-19302)

Cross Reference: M.S.A.D. No. 61 Affirmative Action Plan
ACAA - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
ACAB - Harassment and Sexual Harassment of School Employees

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