

5755 EQUITY IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Equity In Pupil Access

It is the policy of the Board of Education to ensure equal and bias-free access to all school facilities, courses, programs, activities, and services, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability.

The school district administration will ensure: that all pupils will have equal and barrier-free access to all school and classroom facilities, that minority and female pupils are not under-represented in gifted and talented or accelerated/advanced courses and that minority and male pupils are not over-represented in detentions, suspensions, expulsions, dropouts, or special needs classifications. Support services will be available to all pupils and that all limited English-proficient pupils and pupils with disabilities will have equal and bias-free access to all school programs and activities. The school district will ensure equal and bias-free access for all pupils to computers, computer classes, vocational education classes, and technologically-advanced instructional assistance, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability.

The Board of Education will refrain from locating new facilities in areas that will contribute to imbalanced, isolated, or racially identifiable school enrollments. The school district administration will assign pupils to ensure that the racial/national origin composition of each school's enrollment reflects the composition of the district-wide enrollment and so that school and classroom enrollments are not identifiable on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability.

Pupils will not be separated or isolated by race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectational or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability within schools, courses, classes, programs, or extracurricular activities. Bias-free multiple measures for determining the special needs of language-minority pupils and pupils with disabilities will be utilized. Pregnant pupils will be permitted to remain in the regular school program and activities and if not permitted to attend school by her doctor, the pupil will be provided equivalent instruction.

Equity in Guidance Programs and Services

The school district will ensure the guidance program provides access to adequate and appropriate counseling services for minority pupils, limited English-proficient pupils, non-college bound pupils, and pupils with disabilities. A full range of possible career, professional, and/or vocational choices will be presented to all pupils.

Equity in Physical Education Training

All school district physical education programs will be co-educational, with the exception of wrestling practice and a minimum of 75% of the electives are chosen by at least 30% of enrolled male and female pupils, when the physical education programs are elective.

Equity in Athletic Programs

The school district's athletic program will provide equitable opportunities for female and male pupils to participate in athletics and equitable support for cheerleading programs and comparable facilities for male and female teams. The athletic program will have relatively equal numbers of varsity and sub-varsity teams for male and female teams and equitable scheduling of night games, practice times, and numbers of games for male and female teams.

Appeal Procedure

Any pupil or their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) may appeal school practices involving equity through the procedure established in Regulation No. 5750.

N.J.A.C. 6:4-1 et seq.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

Athletic Guidelines 1986