

LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS Lincoln, Massachusetts

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NON-DISCRIMINATION,

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<u>Civil</u> rights regulations, procedures, timelines, and contacts regarding violation is available in the Student & Parent Handbook (a copy may be requested from the Superintendent's office or any school office). Additional information is available on the website of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education.

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Coordinator, Lincoln Preschool

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Legal References: M.G.L 151 B:4 Title VI, Civil Rights Acts of 1964

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

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Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Education for Handicapped Children Act of 1975

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Amended, 2004

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Public schools have the responsibility to overcome, insofar as possible, any barriers that prevent children from achieving their potential. The public school district will do its part. This commitment to the community is affirmed by the following statements that the School Committee intends to:

- 1. Promote the rights and responsibilities of all individuals as set forth in the State and Federal Constitutions, pertinent legislation, and applicable judicial interpretations.
- 2. Encourage positive experiences in human values for children, youth and adults, all of whom have differing personal and family characteristics and who come from various socioeconomic, racial and ethnic groups.
- 3. Work toward a more integrated society and to enlist the support of individuals as well as groups and agencies, both private and governmental, in such an effort.
- 4. Use all appropriate communication and action techniques to air and reduce the grievances of individuals and groups.
- 5. Carefully consider, in all the decisions made within the school district, the potential benefits or adverse consequences that those decisions might have on the human relations aspects of all segments of society.
- 6. Initiate a process of reviewing policies and practices of the school district in order to achieve to the greatest extent possible the objectives of this statement.

The Committee's policy of nondiscrimination will extend to students, staff, the general public, and individuals with whom it does business; No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition. If someone has a complaint or feels that they have been discriminated against because of their race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition., their complaint should be registered with the Title IX compliance officer.

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UPDATED: June 2012

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

Equal Pay Act, as amended by the Education Amendments of 1972

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Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975

M.G.L. <u>71B:1</u> et seq. (Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972)

M.G.L. <u>76:5</u>; Amended 2011

M.G.L.76:16

BESE regulations 603CMR 26:00 Amended 2012

BESE regulations 603CMR 28.00

CROSS REFS.: ACA- ACE, Subcategories for Nondiscrimination

GBA, Equal Employment Opportunity

JB, Equal Educational Opportunities

NOTE: This category is for a general policy covering all types of nondiscrimination and relating to students, staff, and others. Federal and state laws apply.

If a policy relates to staff only, to students only, or a particular form of non-discrimination, it is better filed elsewhere. Appropriate codes for such statements are indicated by the cross-references.

Regulations pertaining to all forms of nondiscrimination -- or a procedure all persons can resort to for redress of grievances related to nondiscrimination -- would follow under code AC-R.

Law in most instances requires official School Committee approval of regulations in this area.

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