



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Lincoln, Massachusetts

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Lincoln Public School District is committed to ensuring that all of its programs and facilities are accessible to all students, staff, and members of the public without discrimination. The district and School Committee shall follow all Federal and State regulations regarding non-discrimination, on the basis of age, color, active military/veteran status, disability, national origin, ancestry, race, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions, or housing status. The district aims to be as inclusive as possible and does not presume that this list is fully inclusive of all circumstances of possible discrimination. Inquiries regarding the district's compliance with Title IX and other civil rights laws may be directed to the Superintendent of Schools.

Deleted: Lincoln Public Schools does not discriminate

Massachusetts and Federal law make it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to members. No school may exclude a child from any course, activity, service or resource available in that school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, ancestry, gender identity, or sexual orientation of such child. Public law further requires that a person with a disability, regardless of nature and severity of handicap, must be provided a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment possible.

If you believe you or your child has been discriminated against, you should report your complaint to one of the following individuals:

- Principal, Lincoln School, Grades K-4
- Principal, Lincoln School, Grades 5-8
- Principal, Hanscom Primary School
- Principal, Hanscom Middle School
- Coordinator, Lincoln Preschool
- Central Office Administrator

Inquiries regarding the district's compliance with Title IV, Title IX, and Section 504 and other civil rights laws may be directed to the Superintendent of Schools.

Civil rights regulations, procedures, timelines, and contacts regarding violations are available in the Student & Parent Handbook (a copy may be requested from the Superintendent's office or any school office). It is available on the district website at <https://www.lincnet.org/forms>. Additional information is available on the website of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education.

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Inquiries about Title IX and other federal civil rights laws may be directed to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 33 Arch Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02110-1491 (phone number: 617-223-9662).

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The district's coordinator for all issues relating to civil rights and discrimination is the Administrator for Student Services. The Administrator for Student Services can be reached at:

Hartwell Building
Ballfield Road
Lincoln, MA 01773
781-259-9403

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Reference: Lincoln Public School, School Committee Policy, ACA/ACAB
Source: MASC
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 1972
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

Adopted at School Committee Meeting of September 14, 1981
Revised at School Committee Meeting of May 6, 1985
Revised at School Committee Meeting of October 16, 1989
Revised at School Committee Meeting of March 21, 1994
Revised at School Committee Meeting of March 2, 2006
Revised at School Committee Meeting of May 3, 2007
Revised at School Committee Meeting of February 26, 2009
Reaffirmed at School Committee Meeting of June 16, 2011
Revised at School Committee Meeting of April 25, 2013
Revised at School Committee Meeting of _____

**Source: MASC
November 8, 2019**

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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.

SOURCE: MASC

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

Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975

M.G.L. [71B:1](#) et seq. (Chapter 766 of the Acts of 1972)

M.G.L. [76:5](#); 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.