

## **EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

In recognition of the diversified characteristics and needs of our students and with the keen desire to be responsive to them, the School Committee will make every effort to protect the dignity of the students as individuals. It also will offer careful consideration and sympathetic understanding of their personal feelings, particularly with reference to their race, color, age, disability, sex (including pregnancy, pregnancy-related conditions, or recovery from these conditions, including but not limited to, lactation), sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion or religious belief, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, retaliation, marital status, genetic information, veteran or military status, limited English proficiency, homelessness, or any other class of individuals protected from discrimination under state or federal law-

To accomplish this, the Committee 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.

This will mean that every student will be given equal opportunity in school admission, admissions to courses, course content, curriculum and instructional materials, support services, and extracurricular and athletic activities.

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

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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)  
BESE regulations 603 CMR 26:00  
BESE 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

**NOTE: The cross reference is to a related statement in this manual.**