

**Saint Helens
School District 502**

Code: **AC**
Adopted: 3/19/01
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Orig. Code(s): AC

Nondiscrimination

The district shall promote an environment free of harassment and shall not discriminate on the basis of an individual's race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation¹, national origin, disability, marital status or age or because of the race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, marital status or age of any other persons with whom the individual associates.

In keeping with requirements of federal and state law, the district strives to remove any vestige of discrimination in employment, assignment and promotion of personnel; in educational opportunities and services offered students; in student assignment to schools and classes; in student discipline; in location and use of facilities; in educational offerings and materials; and in accommodating the public at public meetings.

The Board encourages staff to improve human relations within the schools and to establish channels through which citizens can communicate their concerns to the administration and the Board.

The superintendent shall appoint and make known the individuals to contact on issues concerning the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues². The Board will adopt and the district will publish grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee complaints. Section 504 and the ADA prohibit discrimination against an individual because he/she has opposed any discrimination act or practice or because that person has filed a charge, testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, proceeding or hearing. The ADA further prohibits anyone from coercing, intimidating, threatening or interfering with an individual for exercising the rights guaranteed under the act.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 174.100	ORS 659.815	ORS 659A.009
ORS 192.630	ORS 659.850	ORS 659A.029
ORS 326.051(1)(e)	ORS 659.865	ORS 659A.030
ORS 342.934(3)	ORS 659.870	ORS 659A.043
ORS 659.150	ORS 659A.003	ORS 659A.103
ORS 659.805	ORS 659A.006	ORS 659A.109

¹Sexual orientation means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated with the individuals's sex at birth.

²Districts are reminded that the district is required to notify students and employees of the name, office address and telephone number of the employee or employees appointed.

[ORS 659A.112](#) - 659A.139
[ORS 659A.142](#)
[ORS 659A.145](#)
[ORS 659A.233](#)
[ORS 659A.236](#)
[ORS 659A.309](#)

[ORS 659A.321](#)
[ORS 659A.409](#)
[OAR 581-015-0054](#)
[OAR 581-021-0044](#)
[OAR 581-021-0045](#)

[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-021-0049](#)
[OAR 581-022-1140](#)
[OAR 839-003-0000](#)

Age Discrimination Act of 1975, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6101-6107 (2006).
Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634 (2006); 29 C.F.R Part 1626 (2006).
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213; 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2006); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2006).
Equal Pay Act of 1963, 29 U.S.C. § 206(d) (2006).
Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §§ 503, 791, 793-794 (2006).
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2006); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2006).
Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2006).
Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2006).
Wygant v. Jackson Bd. of Educ., 476 U.S. 267 (1989).
Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.
The Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, as amended, 38 U.S.C. § 4212.
Title II of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008.

Cross Reference(s):

ACA - Americans with Disabilities Act
GBA - Equal Employment Opportunity
JB - Equal Educational Opportunity