

OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: ACB
Adopted:

All Students Belong

[District statement on equity.] The vision of the Parkrose School District is for each student to reach high levels of reading and critical thinking; graduating college and career ready and become contributing members of society. Our vision is that our students’ successful future is not determined by their race, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, ethnicity, culture, linguistic difference, religion, immigration status or disability. We believe that every student has the potential to achieve, and it is our responsibility to give each student the access, opportunity and support to meet their highest potential. We believe that equity of opportunity and equity of access to all of our educational programs, services, and resources are critical to the achievement of successful outcomes for all of the children whom we serve which will lead to positive, lasting change. (policyAA)

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All students are entitled to a high quality educational experience, free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

All employees are entitled to work in an environment that is free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin^{1}.

All visitors are entitled to participate in an environment that is free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin^{2}.

“Bias incident” means a person’s hostile expression of animus toward another person, relating to the other person’s perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin, of which criminal investigation or prosecution is impossible or inappropriate. Bias incidents may include derogatory language or behavior directed at or about any of the preceding demographic groups.

“Symbol of hate” means a symbol, image, or object that expresses animus on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin including, the noose, swastika, or confederate flag³,^{4} and whose display:

1. Is reasonably likely to cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities; or

¹ {OAR 581-022-2312 does not include this list of classes for employees (only for students), but it can be added.}

² {OAR 581-022-2312 does not include this list of classes for visitors (only for students), but it can be added.}

³ While commonly referred to as the “confederate flag,” the official name of the prohibited flag is the Battle Flag of the Armies of Northern Virginia.

⁴ {We strongly advise that a district not add to these symbols of hate without first consulting with legal counsel.}

2. Is reasonably likely to interfere with the rights of students by denying them full access to the services, activities, and opportunities offered by a school.

The district prohibits the use or display of any symbols of hate^{5} on [district][school]^{6} grounds or in any district- or school-sponsored program, service, school or activity that is funded in whole or in part by monies appropriated by the Oregon Legislative Assembly, except where used in teaching curriculum that is aligned to the Oregon State Standards.

In responding to the use of any symbols of hate, the district will use non-disciplinary remedial action whenever appropriate.

The district prohibits retaliation against an individual because that person has filed a charge, testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, proceeding or hearing; and further prohibits anyone from coercing, intimidating, threatening or interfering with an individual for exercising any rights guaranteed under state and federal law.

Nothing in this policy is intended to interfere with the lawful use of district facilities pursuant to a lease or license.

The district will use administrative regulation ACB-AR - Bias Incident Complaint Procedure to process reports or complaints of bias incidents.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

⁵ {Prior to adopting the symbols of hate prohibition, or adding other symbols to the list, we recommend that the district document why the district feels that the presence of these symbols will cause a “material and substantial interference with schoolwork or discipline” or collide “with the rights of other students to be secure and be let alone.” These reasons may include previous incidents, current conditions in the schools and other factors.}

⁶ {Oregon Administrative Rule uses “school.”}

[ORS 659.850](#)
[ORS 659.852](#)

[OAR 581-002-0005](#)
[OAR 581-022-2312](#)

[OAR 581-022-2370](#)

Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969).
Dariano v. Morgan Hill Unified Sch. Dist., 767 F.3d 764 (9th Cir. 2014).
State v. Robertson, 293 Or. 402 (1982).