©1-203 Equal Opportunity—Prohibited Sex Discrimination (Title IX)

Non-discrimination Policy

The District does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), including in admission and employment.

Definitions

"Actual knowledge" means notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the District's Title IX coordinator or to any employee of a District elementary and secondary school if the allegations of sexual harassment occurred in a District education program or activity and the alleged sexual harassment occurred within the United States.

"Formal complaint" means a document filed by a complainant or signed by the Title IX coordinator against a respondent and requesting that the District investigate the allegation of sexual harassment. A formal complaint may be filed with the Title IX coordinator by mail, email, through an online portal, or by contacting the Title IX coordinator as directed on the District website or other communications to students, staff, and parents.

"Complainant" means any person who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment under Title IX which occurred in a District education program or activity.

"Respondent" means a person who is reported to be the perpetrator of conduct that could constitute sexual harassment.

"Education program or activity" means locations, events, or circumstances over which the District exercises substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs.

"Sexual harassment" means conduct based on sex that is one or more of the following:

- a. an employee of the District conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the District on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
- b. unwelcome sex-based conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's education program or activity; or
- c. "sexual assault" as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(8), or "stalking" as defined in 34 U.S.C. § 12291(a)(30).

"Supportive measures" means non-disciplinary, non-punitive, individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge before or after the filing of a formal complaint, or where no formal complaint has been filed, designed to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity.

"Deliberately indifferent" means a response to sexual harassment that is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

Title IX Coordinator

The District must identify at least one employee to serve as the Title IX coordinator and authorize that individual to coordinate and facilitate the District's compliance efforts regarding its responsibilities under Title IX, including inquiries about the application of Title IX or formal complaints. The District's Title IX coordinator is:

NAME POSITION PHYSICAL ADDRESS PHONE (+ EXT IF APPLICABLE) EMAIL

Notices

The contact information for the Title IX coordinator and the District's nondiscrimination notice will be prominently posted on the District's website and in any student or employee handbooks.

Any documents used to train the Title IX coordinator, investigators, decision makers, and others involved in the Title IX grievance process will be posted on the District's website and available upon request.

Supportive Measures

The District will provide supportive measures as appropriate and available.

District's Response to Sexual Harassment

When the District receives actual knowledge of sexual harassment in a District education program or activity, the District will respond promptly in a manner that is not deliberately indifferent.

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Legal Authority:

20 U.S.C. § 1681, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX 34 C.F.R. Part 106

Participating Trust member districts should review each policy with their school board legal counsel before adoption.

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