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**401 EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

[Note: School districts are not required by statute to have a policy addressing these issues. However, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission strongly encourages the adoption of a policy and will look for such a policy during accreditation visits, audits, or investigations.]

**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide equal employment opportunity for all applicants for Crosslake Community Schools' (CCS) employment and for all employees.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. CCS' policy is to provide equal employment opportunity for all applicants and employees. CCS does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity or expression, age, family care leave status, or veteran status. CCS also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled employees.

[Note: The Minnesota Human Rights Act defines "sexual orientation" to include "having or being perceived as having a self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness." Minnesota Statutes section 363A.03, subdivision 44.]

- B. CCS prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute impermissible harassment and the school district's internal procedures for addressing complaints of harassment, please refer to CCS' Policy 413 Harassment and Violence.
- C. This policy applies to all areas of employment including hiring, discharge, promotion, compensation, facilities or privileges of employment.
- D. It is the responsibility of every school CCS employee to follow this policy.
- E. Any person having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with the Human Resources/Business Manager.

**Legal References:** Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)  
 29 U.S.C. § 621 *et seq.* (Age Discrimination in Employment Act)  
 29 U.S.C. § 2615 (Family and Medical Leave Act)  
 38 U.S.C. § 4211 *et seq.* (Employment and Training of Veterans)  
 38 U.S.C. § 4301 *et seq.* (Employment and Reemployment Rights of Members of the Uniformed Services)  
 42 U.S.C. § 2000e *et seq.* (Equal Employment Opportunities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act)  
 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities)

**Cross References:** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)  
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 405 (Veteran's Preference)  
 MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)

Policy 401 Equal Employment Opportunity is referenced in CCS' Hiring Procedure.