

**RED WING PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY**

102 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Adopted: January 5, 2004
Last Revised: PROPOSED

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that equal educational opportunity is provided for all students of the school district.

II. ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE VERSION(S)

This policy is available in language(s) other than English. Alternative language version(s) of this policy are available at:

Office of the Superintendent
Red Wing Public Schools
2451 Eagle Ridge Drive
Red Wing, MN 55066

651-385-4501

III. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The policy of the school district is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. The school district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, age, or sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression. The school district also ensures a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities, including regular or special education and related aids and services.

- B. The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute violation of the school district's policy on harassment and violence and the school district's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to the school district's policy on harassment and violence.

- C. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.
- D. Every school district employee shall be responsible for complying with this policy conscientiously.
- E. Any student, parent or guardian having a question regarding this policy should discuss it with the appropriate school district official as provided by policy. In the absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or a complaint should be referred to the superintendent.

IV. DESIGNATIONS

- A. The school board has designated the following individuals as the school district’s human rights officers:

Human Rights Officer	Alternative Human Rights Officer (if Human Rights Officer not available)
Amy French Human Resources Manager Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4511 asfrench@rwps.org	Jess Whitcomb Director of Teaching Learning Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4504 jswitcomb@rwps.org

- B. The school board has designated the following people to coordinate the school district’s efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX:

Title IX Coordinator	Alternative Title IX Coordinator (if Title IX Coordinator not available)
Amy French Human Resources Manager Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4511 asfrench@rwps.org	Jess Whitcomb Director of Teaching Learning Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4504 jswitcomb@rwps.org

- C. The school board has designated the following people to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504:

ADA/Section 504 Coordinator	Alternative ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (if ADA/Section 504 Coordinator not available)
Cherie Johnson Executive Director Goodhue County Education District 395 Guernsey Lane Red Wing, MN 55066 651-388-4441 cjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us	Marcia Walker Special Education Director Goodhue County Education District 395 Guernsey Lane Red Wing, MN 55066 651-388-4441 mlwalker@rwps.org

V. COMPLAINTS, GRIEVANCES, AND REPORTS OF DISCRIMINATION

The document “Procedures for Submitting and Resolving Complaints, Grievances, and Reports of Unlawful Discrimination, Harassment or Violence, Bullying, or Hazing” provides information about reporting complaints, investigation procedures, school district action, appeals, prohibition of retaliation, and right to alternative complaint procedures.

VI. DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

- A. This policy shall be posted on the school district's website.
- B. A summary of this policy shall be included in the school district's student and employee handbooks.
- C. The school district shall conspicuously post the name and contact information of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 Coordinators, Title IX Coordinators, and Human Rights Officers.

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 121A.03, Subd. 2 (Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy)

Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)

20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)

42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)