



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

March 31, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 9.11

**TOPIC: Adopt Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status
Nondiscrimination Policy 530**

BACKGROUND: This policy needs to be updated.

PROCESS: The School Board Policy Committee has reviewed this policy. It is now being presented to the School Board with the recommendation to replace the current policy with the MSBA model policy.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of this policy.

~~It is the policy of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831 not to discriminate against any student, or exclude any student from its education program or activity, including any class or extracurricular activity, on the basis of such students' pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy or recovery therefrom, unless the student request voluntarily to participate in a separate portion of the program or activity of the recipient.~~

~~The School Board of Independent School District No. 831 may require such a student to obtain the certification of a physician that the student is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in the normal education program or activity so long as such a certification is required of all students for other physical or emotional conditions requiring the attention of a physician.~~

**STUDENT PARENTAL, FAMILY, AND MARITAL STATUS
NONDISCRIMINATION**

[Note: The provisions of this policy substantially reflect statutory requirements.]

I. PURPOSE

Students are protected from discrimination on the basis of sex and marital status pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. This includes discrimination on the basis of pregnancy. The purpose of this school district policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex, parental, family, or marital status.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school district provides equal educational opportunity for all students, and will not apply any rule concerning a student's actual or potential parental, family, or marital status which treats students differently on the basis of sex.**
- B. The school district will not discriminate against any student, or exclude any student from its education program or activity, including any class or extracurricular activity, on the basis of such students' pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy or recovery therefrom, unless the student requests voluntarily to participate in a separate portion of the program or activity of the recipient.**

- C. The school district may require such a student to obtain the certification of a physician that the student is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in the normal education program or activity so long as such a certification is required of all students for other physical or emotional conditions requiring the attention of a physician.**
- D. The school district will ensure that any separate and voluntary instructional program is comparable to that offered to non-pregnant students.**
- E. It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy.**
- F. The school board has designated the Director of Administration & Human Resources, 6100 North 210th Street, Forest Lake, MN 55025, 651/982-8123 as its Title IX coordinator. This employee coordinates the school district's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX.**
- G. Any student, parent or guardian having questions regarding the application of Title IX and its regulations and/or this policy should discuss them with the Title IX coordinator. Questions relating solely to Title IX and its regulations may be referred to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education. In the absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or complaint should be referred to the superintendent or the school district human rights officer.**
- H. Any reports of unlawful discrimination under this policy will be handled, investigated and acted upon in the manner specified in Policy 522 – Student Sex Nondiscrimination.**

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688 (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)
34 C.F.R. Part 106 (Implementing Regulations of Title IX)

Cross References: Equal Educational Opportunity Policy 535
Harassment and Violence Policy 425
Student Sex Nondiscrimination Policy 421

ADOPTED: 8/5/91