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Policy 1530 Equal Employment Opportunities

The Board of Education shall, in accordance with law, guarantee equal employment opportunity in the schools of this district.

Each otherwise qualified person shall be offered equal access to all categories of employment and equal pay for equal work in this district without regard to the candidate's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability. The school district's employment applications and pre-employment inquiries conform to the guidelines of the New Jersey Division of Civil Rights.

The Board will use equitable practices that prevent imbalance and isolation based on race, national origin, and gender among the district's certificated and non-certificated staff and within every category of employment, including administration. Promotions and transfers will be monitored to ensure non-discrimination.

The Board will target-underutilized groups, so that the district's employment of females and minorities in every category of employment equals or exceeds their representation within the county workforce. The Board will provide among the faculty of each school role models of diverse racial and cultural backgrounds.

For the purpose of this policy, "disability" means suffering from physical disability; from any mental, psychological, or developmental disability; or from AIDS or HIV infection.

The Board shall not enter into, or maintain, any contracts with a person, agency, or organization if it has knowledge that such person, agency, or organization discriminates on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, affectional or sexual orientation or sex, social or economic status, or disability, either in employment practices or in the provision of benefits or services to pupils or employees.

The Superintendent shall promulgate a complaint procedure for the adjudication of disputes alleging violation of the law prohibiting discrimination in employment or this policy.

The Board shall not discriminate against any person for that person's exercise of rights under the laws prohibiting discrimination in employment or this policy.

42 U.S.C.A. 12101 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 10:5-1 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-5, 6-6; 18A:28-10; 18A:29-2

N.J.A.C. 6:4-1 et seq.

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