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Springfield Public School Board of Education Policy 102

102 **EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

[Note: School districts are required by statute to have a policy addressing these issues.]

I. **PURPOSE**

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

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It is the school district's policy to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. In accordance with state and federal statutes and directives, the school district does not unlawfully discriminate. The school district also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled students.
- B. The school district prohibits the harassment of any individual. 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, cocurricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.
- D. It is the responsibility of every school district employee to comply with this policy conscientiously.
- E. Any student, parent or guardian having any questions 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.

Minn. Stat. Ch. 363 (Minnesota Human Rights Act) Legal References:

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

Violence Policy)

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

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

Cross References: Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)

Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)

Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)

Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)