



## **BOARD POLICY**

**1.80.020-P**

### **Non-Discrimination / Anti-Harassment Policy**

Portland Public Schools recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups and their roles in society.

The District prohibits discrimination and harassment on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's perceived or actual race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veteran's status, or because of the perceived or actual race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, or veterans' status of any other persons with whom the individual associates. Race includes physical characteristics that are historically associated with race, including, but not limited to, natural hair, hair texture, hair type and protective hairstyles (a hairstyle, hair color or manner of wearing hair that includes, but is not limited to, braids, regardless of whether the braids are created with extensions or styled with adornments, locs and twists).

The District prohibits discrimination and harassment in all of its programs and operations, including but not limited to, employment, assignment, and promotion of personnel; educational opportunities and services offered students; student assignment to schools and classes; student discipline; location and use of facilities; educational offerings and materials; and in accommodating the public at public meetings.

Complaints regarding discrimination and harassment may be filed with any District administrator or manager, including Human Resources (complaint line: 503-916-2990 or [hrlegal@pps.net](mailto:hrlegal@pps.net)), PPS's Title IX Office ([Titleix@pps.net](mailto:Titleix@pps.net)), and the Superintendent. In addition, complaints regarding discrimination may be filed with the United States or Oregon Departments of Education Office for Civil Rights. All complaints regarding sexual harassment and sexual violence shall also be forwarded to the Title IX Office. Complaints may be made anonymously; however, corroborating evidence is required for any disciplinary action or other consequences.

Specific information on where to file a complaint can be found here: [[hyperlink landing page](#)]

Retaliation, intimidation, harassment, or threats against any person who in good faith reports, is thought to have reported, or otherwise participates in an investigation of

discrimination or harassment is strictly prohibited, regardless of whether a complaint is substantiated. The good-faith initiation of any complaint of discrimination or harassment by a student will not adversely affect a student's school placement or educational learning environment. The good-faith initiation of any complaint of discrimination or harassment by an employee shall not adversely affect any terms or conditions of employment or work environment of the staff complainant. False reports found to be made in bad-faith shall be regarded as a serious offense and may result in disciplinary action or other appropriate sanctions.

The District shall investigate all complaints of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation.

Legal References: ORS 192.630; ORS 326.051; ORS 339.356; ORS 342.700; ORS 342.704; ORS 342.865; ORS 659.850; ORS 659A.006; ORS 659A.029; ORS 659A.030; ORS 659A.133; ORS 659A.270-.290; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Americans with Disabilities Act, Family Medical Leave Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act

OSBA: AC

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