

## Student Personnel

Policy Title – Statement of Guiding Principles

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This series of the Board Policy Manual is devoted to the Board's goals and objectives for assisting the students of the District in obtaining an education. Each student shall have an opportunity to obtain an education in compliance with the policies in this series.

It is the goal of the Board to develop a healthy social, intellectual, emotional, and physical self-concept in the students enrolled in the District. Each student attending school will have the opportunity to use the District and its education program and services as a means for self-improvement and individual growth. In so doing, the students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that assures each student the same opportunity.

The Board supports the delivery of the education program and services to students free of discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, or disability in any program or activity. This concept of equal educational opportunity serves as a guide for the Board and employees in making decisions relating to District facilities, employment, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum, and regulations affecting students.

In the delivery of the education program, students shall treat the employees with respect and students will receive the same in return. Employees have the best interests of the students in mind and will assist them in school-related or personal matters if they are able to do so. Students should feel free to discuss problems, whether school-related or personal, with the guidance counselor or other employees.

Board policies, rules and regulations apply to students while they are on District property or on property within the jurisdiction of the District; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered buses; while attending or engaged in school activities away from school grounds.

This section of the Board policy refers to the term "parents" in many of the policies. The term parents for purposes of this policy manual shall mean the legal parents. It shall also mean the legal guardian or custodian of a student and students who have reached the age of majority or are otherwise considered an adult by law.

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