

Personnel

Nondiscrimination in Employment

The district shall not unlawfully discriminate against or tolerate the harassment of employees or job applicants on the basis of their actual or perceived sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, veteran status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information or sexual orientation.

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee or job applicant who complains, testifies or in any way participates in the district's complaint procedures instituted pursuant to this policy.

Physically or mentally disabled employees or applicants may request reasonable accommodation.

Any district employee who engages or participates in unlawful discrimination, or who aids, abets, incites, compels or coerces another to discriminate, is in violation of this policy and is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

Any district employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of unlawful discrimination or harassment shall report the incident to the principal, district administrator or Superintendent as soon as practical after the incident. Failure of a district employee to report discrimination or harassment may result in disciplinary action.

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly publicize, within the district and in the community, the district's nondiscrimination policy and the availability of complaint procedures.

The district's policy and administrative regulations shall be posted in all schools and offices including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms.

The Board of Education designates the following position as Coordinator for Nondiscrimination in Employment:

Director of Personnel
1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240
(209) 331-7095

An employee may, in addition to filing a discrimination complaint with the district, file a complaint with either the California Department of Fair Employment and

Housing (DFEH) or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

The time limits for filing such complaints are as follows:

1. To file a valid complaint with DFEH, the employee must file his/her complaint within one year of the alleged discriminatory act(s) unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code 12960.
2. To file a valid complaint directly with EEOC, the employee must file his/her complaint within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s). To file a valid complaint with EEOC after filing a complaint with DFEH, the employee must file the complaint within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by DFEH, whichever is earlier.

Employees wishing to file complaints with the DFEH and EEOC should contact the nondiscrimination coordinator for more information.

Legal References:

Civil Code

51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation

Government Code

11135 Unlawful discrimination

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

Penal Code

422.56 Definitions, hate crimes

Code of Regulations, Title 2

7287.6 Terms, conditions and privileges of employment

Code of Regulations, Title 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance

United States Code, Title 20

1681-1688 Discrimination based on sex or blindness, Title IX

United States Code, Title 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

United States Code, Title 42

2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 28

35.101-35.190 American with Disabilities Act

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34

100.6 Compliance information

104.8 Notice

106.8 Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures

106.9 Dissemination of policy

Court Decisions

Carter v. California Department of Veterans Affairs (2003) 2003

Cal.LEXIS 5694

Shephard v. Loyola Marymount (2002) 102 CalApp. 4th 837

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