

NONDISCRIMINATION – ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

- I. The Port Washington-Saukville School District shall not discriminate against any student, or deny any student admission to or participation in a public school or a curricular, extracurricular, or recreational program, activity, or service, on the basis of the students' sex, race, color, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, physical, mental, emotional, or learning disability, or any other reason prohibited by state or federal law.
- II. This Policy shall apply to all areas of education, including admission, placement, student discipline, grading, assessment, instructional materials selection, curriculum, interscholastic and extra-curricular activities, and food services.
- III. The Superintendent shall appoint a compliance office to ensure compliance with state and federal law and this Policy, and to act on behalf of the District.
- IV. Complaints regarding the interpretation or application of this Policy shall be made and processed pursuant to Administrative Guideline 2260 – Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures.
- V. Notice of this Policy and its accompanying complaint procedures shall be published at the beginning of each school year in the District calendar and posted in each school building in the District. In addition, a student nondiscrimination statement shall be included in student and staff handbooks, course selection handbooks, and other published materials distributed to the public describing school activities and opportunities.
- VI. Children of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth (youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian) who either reside in the District or for whom the District is the school of origin shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education-as provided to other children and youths who reside in the District. Homeless children and youths shall not be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless children and shall not be segregated by school personnel.
- VII. The District shall provide appropriate educational services and/or programs for students who have been identified as having a handicap or disability. Requests for accommodations for students with disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act shall be processed pursuant to the Section 504 Procedures. Complaints relating to the identification, evaluation, placement, or provision of free appropriate public education to students with disabilities shall be processed pursuant to the procedures outlined in the District's Special Education Handbook.

VIII. The District shall also provide for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements. Request for accommodations shall be made in writing and approved by the Principal or Assistant Principal. Accommodations may include, but not necessarily be limited to, exclusion from participating in an activity, alternative assignments, release time from school to participate in religious activities, and opportunities to make up work missed due to religious observances. Any accommodations granted under this policy shall be provided to students without prejudicial effect.

Legal reference:

Sections 115.28(31), 118.13 Wis. Stats.  
PI 9, 41 Wis. Adm. Code  
Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972  
Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1973  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act  
Civil Rights Act of 1991  
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance A

Cross reference:

Administrative Guideline 2260 – Student Discrimination Complaint Procedures  
Board Policy 2105 – Mission and Vision of the District  
Board Policy 2241 – Waiver of Participation in Approved Curriculum Programs  
Board Policy 2460 – Special Education  
Special Education Handbook  
Section 504 Plan

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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us