

ATTLEBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Attleboro, Massachusetts

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EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

In recognition of the diversified characteristics and needs of our students and with the keen desire to be responsive to them, the Attleboro School Committee will make every effort to protect the dignity of the students as individuals. It also will offer careful consideration and sympathetic understanding of their personal feelings, particularly with reference to their race, color, sex, religion, gender identity, homeless status, national origin, sexual orientation or physical and intellectual differences, pregnancy and/or pregnancy related conditions.

To accomplish this, the Committee and its staff will make every effort to comply with the letter and the spirit of the Massachusetts equal educational opportunities law (known as M.G.L. c. 76, § 5), which prohibits discrimination in public school admissions and programs. More specifically, the Attleboro Public Schools shall admit students without regard to race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation, pregnancy and/or pregnancy related conditions.

This includes but is not limited to elementary and secondary schools. No school shall discourage in any express or implied manner, applicants for admission because of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation, pregnancy and/or pregnancy related conditions.

Written materials and other media used to publicize a school shall specifically affirm that the school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation, pregnancy and/or pregnancy related conditions.

The national citizenship of any applicant shall not be a criterion for admission to any public school nor shall national citizenship be a factor in the assignment or availability of courses of study or extra-curricular activities.

Any complaints under this policy shall be addressed pursuant to School Committee Policy AC, Nondiscrimination and Harassment and the grievance procedures promulgated consistent with that policy.

All implementing provisions issued by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in compliance with this law will be followed.

Legal References:

- Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment
- Opportunity Act of 1972
- Executive Order 11246, as amended by E.O. 11375
- Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972
- M.G.L. 76:5; 76:16 (Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971)
- Board of Education Chapter 622 Regulations Pertaining to Access to Equal Educational Opportunity,
- Board of Education, Chapter 766 Regulations amended through 603 CMR 26:00
- 603 CMR 26.02 (1)
- M.G.L. c. 71A

Cross Reference:

- AC, Nondiscrimination