

NONDISCRIMINATION / NON-HARASSMENT

The Merton Community School District is committed to equal educational opportunity for all students in the district.

It is the policy of the Merton Community School District, pursuant to s. 118.13, Wis. Stats., and PI 9, that no person, on the basis of sex, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital status, parental status, sexual orientation, mental, emotional, physical or learning disability, may be denied admission to Merton Community Schools or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any area of school operations, including curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreation, or other school-sponsored program. This includes, but is not limited to: admission, standards of rules of behavior, disciplinary actions including suspensions and expulsions, acceptance of gifts or other contributions, and methods, practices, materials used for testing, evaluating, and counseling pupils, facility opportunity for participation in athletic programs or activities, and school-sponsored food service programs.

This policy also prohibits discrimination under related federal statutes, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (race and national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (sex), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (handicap), as well as harassment. This policy applies to students, employees, and others connected with the Merton Community School District.

The district encourages informal resolution of complaints under this policy. A formal complaint resolution procedure is available by contacting the administrative staff.

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