

## **EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

In recognition of the diverse characteristics and needs of our students and with the keen desire to be responsive to them, the Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee will make every reasonable effort to protect the dignity of the students as individuals. They also will offer careful consideration and sympathetic understanding of their personal feelings, particularly with reference to their race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, active military/veteran status, ancestry or national or ethnic origin, homelessness or physical and intellectual differences.

To accomplish this, the Committee and the District's staff will make every reasonable effort to comply with the letter and the spirit of the Massachusetts equal educational opportunities law (known as Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971), which prohibits discrimination in public school admissions and programs. The law reads as follows:

No child shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and course of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness.

This will mean that every student enrolled in the District will be given equal opportunity in school admission, admissions to courses, course content, guidance, and extracurricular and athletic activities for which they are eligible.

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

LEGAL REFS.:       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)  
                          BESE Regulations 603 CMR 26:00  
                          BESE Regulations 603 CMR 28.00

CROSS REF.:       AC, Nondiscrimination

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