Non-Discrimination

PROCEDURE

It is the express policy of the Board to encourage victims of sexual harassment to report such claims. Employees and students are encouraged to promptly report complaints of sexual harassment to the Superintendent or his/her designee. Complaints will be investigated promptly and corrective action will be taken when allegations are verified. Confidentiality will be maintained by all persons involved in the investigation and no reprisals or retaliation will be allowed to occur as a result of the good faith reporting of charges of sexual harassment.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

46a-60 (a) (8)

42 U.S.C. 2000e ("Title VII")

29 C.F.R. 1604.11 (EEOC Guidelines on Sexual Harassment)

Regulation Adopted:

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(cf. 4111 - Recruitment and Selection)

(cf. 4135 - Organizations/Units)

Legal Reference:

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