District Policy Manual Ontario-Montclair School District

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Regulation 4030: Nondiscrimination In Employment

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All complaints alleging discrimination in employment, as defined in the accompanying Board policy, shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with procedures specified in this administrative regulation. However, complaints alleging sexual harassment under Title IX shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the procedures specified in Administrative Regulation 4119.12/4219.12/4319.12 - Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures.

The district designates the position identified below as its coordinator for nondiscrimination in employment (coordinator) to organize and manage the district's efforts to comply with state and federal nondiscrimination laws and to answer inquiries regarding the district's nondiscrimination policies. The coordinator may be contacted at:

Deputy/Assistant Superintendent – Human Resources 950 West D Street, Ontario CA 91762 hrinfo@omsd.net

Measures to Prevent Discrimination

To prevent unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation in district employment, the Superintendent or designee shall implement the following measures:

- Display in a prominent and accessible location at every work site where the district has
 employees, and post electronically in a conspicuous location on computers for employee
 use, up-to-date California Civil Rights Department (CRD) posters on the prohibition of
 workplace discrimination and harassment, the rights of transgender employees, and the
 rights and obligations of employees who are pregnant, have a related medical condition, or
 are recovering from childbirth (Government Code 12950; 2 CCR 11013, 11023, 11049)
- 2. Publicize the district's nondiscrimination policy and regulation, including the complaint procedures and the coordinator's contact information, by: (Education Code 234.1; 5 CCR 4960; 34 CFR 100.6, 106.8)
 - a. Including them in each announcement, bulletin, or application form that is used in employee recruitment
 - b. Posting them in all district schools and offices, including staff lounges and other prominent locations

- c. Posting them on the district's website and providing easy access to them through district-supported social media, when available
- 3. Disseminate the district's nondiscrimination policy and administrative regulation to all employees by one or more of the following methods: (2 CCR 11023)
 - a. Printing and providing a copy to all employees, with an acknowledgment form for each employee to sign and return
 - b. Sending a copy via email with an acknowledgment return form
 - c. Posting a copy on the district intranet with a tracking system ensuring all employees have read and acknowledged receipt of the policies
 - d. Discussing the policy and regulation with employees upon hire and/or during a new hire orientation session
 - e. Any other way that ensures employees receive and understand the policy
- 4. Provide to employees a handbook which contains information that clearly describes the district's nondiscrimination policy, procedures for filing a complaint, and resources available to employees who believe they have been the victim of any discriminatory or harassing behavior
- 5. Provide training regarding the district's nondiscrimination policy, including what constitutes unlawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation and how and to whom a report of an incident should be made
 - The district may also provide bystander intervention training to employees that includes information and practical guidance on how to recognize potentially problematic behaviors and which may motivate them to take action when they observe such behaviors. The training and education may include exercises to provide employees with the skills and confidence to intervene as appropriate and to provide them with resources they can call upon that support their intervention. (Government Code 12950.2)
- 6. Periodically review the district's recruitment, hiring, and promotion processes and regularly monitor the terms, conditions, and privileges of employment to ensure district compliance with law and Board Policy 4111 Recruitment and Selection
- 7. For any district facility where 10 percent of employees have a language other than English as their spoken language, translate the policy into every language spoken by at least 10 percent of the workforce (2 CCR 11023)

Complaint Procedure

Any complaint alleging unlawful discrimination or harassment covered by this administrative regulation and accompanying Board policy shall be addressed in accordance with the following procedures:

 Notice and Receipt of Complaint: A complainant may inform a direct supervisor, another supervisor, the coordinator, the Superintendent or, if available, a complaint hotline or an ombudsman The complainant's direct supervisor may be bypassed in filing a complaint when the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

The complainant may first attempt to resolve the situation informally with the complainant's supervisor before filing a complaint.

A supervisor or manager who has received information about an incident of discrimination or harassment, or has observed such an incident, shall report it to the coordinator, whether or not the complainant files a complaint.

The complaint should contain the complainant's name, the name of the individual who allegedly committed the act, a description of the incident, the date and location where the incident occurred, any witnesses who may have relevant information, any available evidence of the discrimination or harassment, and any other pertinent information which may assist in investigating and resolving the complaint.

2. Investigation Process: The coordinator shall initiate an impartial investigation of an allegation of discrimination or harassment within five business days of receiving notice of the alleged discriminatory or harassing behavior, regardless of whether a complaint has been filed or whether the complaint is complete

The coordinator shall meet with the complainant to describe the district's complaint procedure and discuss the actions being sought by the complainant in response to the allegation. The coordinator shall inform the complainant that the investigation of the allegations will be fair, timely, and thorough and will be conducted in a manner that provides all parties due process and reaches reasonable conclusions based on the evidence collected. The coordinator shall also inform the parties that the investigation will be kept confidential to the extent possible, but that some information may be disclosed as necessary to conduct an effective investigation.

If the coordinator determines that a detailed fact-finding investigation is necessary, the investigation shall begin immediately. As part of this investigation, the coordinator should interview the complainant, the person(s) accused, and other persons who could be expected to have relevant information.

The coordinator shall track and document the progress of the investigation to ensure reasonable progress and shall inform the parties as necessary.

When necessary to carry out the investigation or to protect employee safety, the coordinator may discuss the complaint with the Superintendent or designee, district legal counsel, or the district's risk manager.

The coordinator shall also determine whether interim measures, such as scheduling changes, transfers, or leaves, need to be taken before the investigation is completed in order to prevent further incidents. The coordinator shall ensure that such interim measures do not constitute retaliation.

3. Written Report on Findings and Remedial/Corrective Action: No more than 20 business days after receiving the complaint, the coordinator shall conclude the investigation and prepare a written report of the findings

This timeline may be extended by the coordinator for good cause. If an extension is needed, the coordinator shall notify the parties and explain the reasons for the extension.

The report shall include the decision and the reasons for the decision and shall summarize the steps taken during the investigation. If a determination has been made that

discrimination or harassment occurred, the report shall also include any corrective action(s) that have been or will be taken to address the behavior, provide appropriate options for remedial actions and resolutions for the complainant, and ensure that retaliation or further discrimination or harassment is prevented. The report shall be presented to the Superintendent or designee.

A summary of the findings shall be presented to the complainant and the person accused.

4. Appeal to the Governing Board: The complainant or any of the person(s) accused may appeal any findings to the Board within 10 business days of receiving the written report of the coordinator's findings

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with all information presented during the investigation and the Board shall schedule a hearing as soon as practicable. Any complaint against a district employee shall be addressed in closed session in accordance with law. The Board shall render its decision within 10 business days.

Other Remedies

In addition to filing a discrimination or harassment complaint with the district, a person may file a complaint with either CRD or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). The time limits for filing such complaints are as follows:

- 1. For filing a complaint with CRD alleging a violation of Government Code 12940-12952, within three years of the alleged discriminatory act(s), unless an exception exists pursuant to Government Code 12960 (Government Code 12960)
- 2. For filing a complaint with EEOC, within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) (42 USC 2000e-5)
- For filing a complaint with EEOC after first filing a complaint with CRD, within 300 days of the alleged discriminatory act(s) or within 30 days after the termination of proceedings by CRD, whichever is earlier (42 USC 2000e-5)

An employee may also file a complaint with the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor for an alleged violation of the PUMP Act and/or EEOC for failure to provide reasonable accommodations pursuant to the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. (29 USC 218c, 218d, 42 USC 2000gg-2)

Additionally, an employee may file a complaint with the Labor Commissioner at the California Department of Industrial Relations for any alleged violation of Labor Code 1030-1034. (Labor Code 1034)

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the Governing Board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

2 CCR 11006-11086 Discrimination in employment

2 CCR 11023 <u>Harassment and discrimination prevention and correction</u>

gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation

Required training and education on harassment based on sex,

2 CCR 11027-11028 <u>National origin and ancestry discrimination</u>

5 CCR 4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary educational

programs receiving state or federal financial assistance

CA Constitution Article 1, Section 1 <u>Inalienable rights</u>

2 CCR 11024

Gov. Code 11135

Civ. Code 51.7 <u>Freedom from violence or intimidation</u>

Ed. Code 200-262.4 <u>Prohibition of discrimination</u>

Gov. Code 12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

Gov. Code 12940-12954 Unlawful employment practices

Gov. Code 12960-12976 <u>Unlawful employment practices; complaints</u>

Lab. Code 1030-1034 Lactation Accommodation

Lab. Code 1197.5 Wages, hours, and working conditions

Lab. Code 79-107 Division of Labor Standards Enforcement

Pen. Code 422.56 Definitions; hate crimes

Federal Description

20 USC 1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972:

discrimination based on sex

Prohibition of discrimination

28 CFR 35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

29 CFR 1636 Implementation of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act

29 USC 218d Fair Labor Standards Act; Providing Urgent Maternal

Protections for Nursing Mothers (PUMP) Act

29 USC 621-634 Age Discrimination in Employment Act

29 USC 794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973; Section 504

34 CFR 100.6 <u>Title VI; Compliance information</u>

34 CFR 104.7 Section 504; Designation of responsible employee and

adoption of grievances procedures

34 CFR 104.8 Notice of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap

34 CFR 106.1-106.82 <u>Discrimination on the basis of sex; effectuating Title IX</u>

34 CFR 110.1-110.39 Nondiscrimination on the basis of age

42 USC 12101-12213 <u>Americans with Disabilities Act</u>

42 USC 2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964

42 USC 2000e-2000e-17	Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended
42 USC 2000ff-2000ff-11	Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008
42 USC 2000gg-2000gg-6	Pregnant Workers Fairness Act
42 USC 2000h-2-2000h-6	Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
42 USC 6101-6107	Age discrimination in federally assisted programs
U.S. Constitution, First Amendment	Free exercise, free speech, and establishment clauses
Management Resources CA Civil Rights Department Publication	Description Sexual Harassment, January 2023
CA Civil Rights Department Publication	Family Care and Medical Leave and Pregnancy Disability Leave, January 2023
CA Civil Rights Department Publication	California Law Prohibits Workplace Discrimination and Harassment, January 2024
CA Civil Rights Department Publication	The Rights of Employees Who Are Transgender or Gender Nonconforming: Fact Sheet, November 2022
CA Civil Rights Department Publication	Harassment Prevention Guide for California Employers, 2017
CA Civil Rights Department Publication	Your Rights and Obligations as a Pregnant Employee, January 2023
Court Decision	Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Ry. Co. v. White (2006) 548 U.S. 53
Court Decision	Tennessee v. Cardona (2024) 737 F.Supp.3d 510
Court Decision	Olmstead v. L.C. ex rel. Zimring (1999) 527 U.S. 581
Court Decision	McDonnell Douglas Corp v. Green (1973) 411 U.S. 792
Court Decision	John T. D. v. River Delta Joint Unified School District (2021) WL 5176356
Court Decision	Burlington Industries, Inc v. Ellerth (1998) 524 U.S. 742
Court Decision	Faragher-Ellerth v. City of Boca Raton (1998) 524 U.S. 775
Court Decision	Groff v. DeJoy (2023) 600 U.S. 447
Court Decision	Kennedy v. Bremerton (2022) 142 S.Ct. 2407
Court Decision	Shephard v. Loyola Marymount (2002) 102 Cal.App. 4th 837
Court Decision	Thomson v. North American Stainless LP (2011) 62 U.S. 170
Federal Register	Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, May 19, 2020, Vol. 85, No. 97, pages 30026-30579
U.S. Department of Education Publication	Guidance on Constitutionally Protected Prayer and Religious Expression in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, May

<u>2023</u>

U.S. DOE, Office for Civil Rights Dear Colleague Letter: Enforcement of Title IX under the provisions of the 2020 Title IX Rule, February 4, 2025 Publication U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity **EEOC Compliance Manual Comm Publication** U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Website **Compliance Program** CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services Website Website California Department of Industrial Relations Website California Civil Rights Department U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

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