

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PROGRAMS

TITLE: NONDISCRIMINATION IN
EMPLOYMENT/CONTRACT
PRACTICES

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<p>1. Authority Title Vii 42 U.S.C. Sec. 2000e et seq Title IX 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1681 42 U.S.C. Sec. 12101 et seq 29 U.S.C. Sec. 621 et seq 29 U.S.C. Sec. 701 et seq 43 P.S. Sec. 951 et seq</p> <p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">104. NONDISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT/ CONTRACT PRACTICES</p> <p>The Board declares it to be the policy of this district to provide to all persons equal access to all categories of employment in this district, continued employment in this district and promotion in this district, regardless of race, color, age, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin or handicap/disability. The district shall make reasonable accommodations for identified physical and mental impairments that constitute disabilities, consistent with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.</p> <p>The Board encourages employees and third parties who have been subject to discrimination to report promptly such incidents to designated employees.</p> <p>The Board directs that complaints of discrimination shall be investigated promptly, and corrective action be taken when allegations are substantiated. Confidentiality of all parties shall be maintained, consistent with the district’s legal and investigative obligations.</p> <p>No reprisals nor retaliation shall occur as the result of good faith charges of discrimination.</p> <p>In order to achieve a program of nondiscrimination practices that is in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, the Board designates the Superintendent as the district’s Compliance Officer.</p> <p>The Compliance Officer shall publish and disseminate via webpage, email or other form of communication this policy and complaint procedure at least annually to students, parents/guardians, employees, and the public. Nondiscrimination statements shall include the position, office address, and telephone number of the Compliance Office.</p> <p>The Compliance Officer is responsible for monitoring the implementation of nondiscrimination procedures in the following areas:</p>
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1. Development of position qualifications, job description, and essential job functions.
2. Recruitment materials and practices.
3. Procedures for screening, interviewing, and hiring.
4. Promotions.
5. Disciplinary actions, up to and including termination.

The building principal or designee shall be responsible to complete the following duties when receiving a complaint of discrimination:

1. Inform the employee or third party of the right to file a complaint and the complaint procedure.
2. Notify the complainant and the accused of the progress at appropriate stages of the procedure.
3. Refer the complainant to the Compliance Officer if the building principal is the subject of the complaint.

3. Guidelines

Complaint Procedure – Employee/Third Party

Step 1 – Reporting

An employee or third party who believes s/he has been subject to conduct that constitutes a violation of this policy is encouraged to report the incident immediately to the building principal.

If the building principal is the subject of a complaint, the employee or third party shall report the incident to the Compliance Officer.

The complainant or reporting employee is encouraged to use the report form available from the building principal, but oral complaints shall be acceptable.

Step 2 – Investigation

Upon receiving the complaint of discrimination, the building principal shall immediately notify the Compliance Officer. The Compliance Officer shall authorize the building principal to investigate the complaint, unless the building principal is the subject of the complaint or is unable to conduct the investigation.

The investigation may consist of individual interviews with complainant, the accused, and others with knowledge relative to the incident. The investigator may also evaluate any other information and materials relative to the investigation.

The obligation to conduct this investigation shall not be negated by the fact that a criminal investigation of the incident is pending or had been concluded.

Step 3 – Investigative Report

The building principal shall prepare a written report within fifteen (15) days, unless additional time to complete the investigation is required. The report shall include a summary of the investigation, a determination of whether the complaint had been substantiated as factual and whether it is a violation of this policy, and a recommended disposition of the complaint.

Copies of the report shall be provided to the complainant, the accused, and the Compliance Officer.

Step 4 – District Action

If the investigation results in a finding that the complaint is factual and constitutes a violation of this policy, the district shall take prompt, corrective action to ensure that such conduct ceases and will not reoccur.

Disciplinary actions shall be consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, Board policies and district procedures, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and state and federal laws.

Appeal Procedure

1. If the complainant is not satisfied with a finding that no violation of the policy or with the corrective action recommended in the investigative report, s/he may submit a written appeal to the Compliance Officer with fifteen (15) days.
2. The Compliance Office shall review the investigation and investigative report and may also conduct a reasonable investigation.
3. The Compliance Office shall prepare a written response to the appeal within fifteen (15) days. Copies of the response shall be provided to the complainant, the accused, and the building principal who conducted the initial investigation.

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