

Nondiscrimination In Employment

Fresno Unified is a place where diversity is valued and educational excellence and equity are expected.

The Governing Board desires to provide a positive work environment where employees and job applicants are assured of equal access and opportunities and are free from harassment and discrimination in accordance with law. The Board prohibits unlawful discrimination against and/or harassment of district employees and job applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, ethnic group identification, religious creed, age, marital or parental status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, veteran status, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex or sexual orientation, the perception of one or more of such characteristics, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, at any district site and/or activity.

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in the District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

(cf. 4033 - Lactation Accommodation)

(cf. 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)

(cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

Prohibited discrimination consists of the taking of any adverse employment action against a person, including termination or denial of promotion, job assignment, or training or in discriminating against the person in compensation, terms, conditions, or other privileges of employment based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above.

The prohibition against discrimination based on the religious creed of an employee or job applicant includes any discrimination based on the person's religious dress or grooming practices or any conflict between the person's religious belief, observance, or practice and an employment requirement. The prohibition against discrimination based on the sex of an employee or job applicant shall include any discrimination based on the person's pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, or any related medical conditions.

Harassment consists of any unwelcome conduct, whether verbal, physical, or visual conduct that is based on any of the prohibited categories of discrimination listed above and that is so severe or pervasive that it adversely affects an individual's employment opportunities, has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the individual's work performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

The Board also prohibits retaliation against any district employee or job applicant, who complains, testifies, assists, or in any way participates in the district's complaint procedures instituted pursuant to this policy.

Any district employee who participates in prohibited discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, or who aides, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to engage or attempt to engage in such behavior in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

The Board designates the following position as Coordinator for Nondiscrimination in Employment:

Associate Superintendent, Human Resources
Fresno Unified School District
Division of Human Resources
2309 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Any employee or job applicant who believes that he/she has been or is being discriminated against, harassed, or retaliated against in violation of district policy or regulation should immediately contact his/her supervisor, the Coordinator, or the Superintendent who shall advise the employee or applicant about the district's procedures for filing, investigating, and resolving any such complaints.

Complaints regarding employment discrimination or harassment shall immediately be investigated in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment.

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

Any supervisory or management employee who observes or has knowledge of an incident of prohibited discrimination or harassment shall report the incident to his/her supervisor, the Coordinator, or Superintendent as soon as practical after the incident. All other employees are encouraged to report such incidents to their supervisor immediately.

Training and Notifications

The Superintendent or designee shall provide training to employees about how to recognize harassment and discrimination, how to respond appropriately, and components of the district's policies and regulations regarding discrimination.

(cf. 4131- Staff Development)
(cf. 4231- Staff Development)
(cf. 4331- Staff Development)

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly publicize, within the district and in the community, the district's nondiscrimination policy and the availability of complaint procedures. Such publications shall be included in each announcement, bulletin, or application form that is used in employee recruitment. (34 CFR 100.6, 106.9)

The district's policy shall be posted in all schools and offices including staff lounges and student government meeting rooms. (5 CCR 4960)

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

CIVIL CODE

51.7 Freedom from violence or intimidation

GOVERNMENT CODE

11135 Unlawful discrimination

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

PENAL CODE

422.56 Definitions, hate crimes

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

7287.6 Terms, conditions and privileges of employment

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1681-1688 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

621-634 Age Discrimination in Employment Act

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended

2000e-2000e-17 Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended

2000ff-2000ff-11 Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008

2000h-2-2000h-6 Title IX, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

6101-6107 Age discrimination in federally assisted programs
12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

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CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

100.6 Compliance information

104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504

104.8 Notice

106.8 Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance procedures

106.9 Dissemination of policy

110.1-110.39 Nondiscrimination on the basis of age

COURT DECISIONS

Thompson v. North American Stainless LP, (2011) 131 S.Ct. 863

Shephard v. Loyola Marymount (2002) 102 CalApp.4th 837

Management Resources:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Notice of Non-Discrimination, August 2010

U.S. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

Questions and Answers: Religious Discrimination in the Workplace, 2008

Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, October 2002

Enforcement Guidance: Vicarious Employer Liability for Unlawful Harassment by Supervisors, June 1999

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Non-Discrimination, January, 1999

WEB SITES

EEOC: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

OCR: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR> <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

DFEH: <http://www.dfeh.ca.gov>

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