

EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Every student of this school district shall have equal educational opportunities through programs offered in the Centennial BOCES regardless of race, color, ancestry, creed, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, marital status, disability or need for special education services.

This concept of equal educational opportunity shall guide the Board and staff in making decisions related to CBOCES facilities, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum and regulations affecting students. The district shall make reasonable accommodations for students with identified physical and mental impairments that constitute disabilities, consistent with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.

In order to ensure that CBOCES programs are in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, the Board directs the Executive Director or designee(s) to periodically monitor the following areas:

1. Curriculum and materials – review curriculum guides, textbooks and supplemental materials for discriminatory bias.
2. Training – provide training for students and staff to identify and alleviate problems of discrimination.
3. Student access – review programs, activities and practices to ensure that all students have equal access and are not segregated except when permissible by law or regulation.
4. CBOCES support – ensure that CBOCES resources are equitably distributed among school programs including but not limited to staffing and compensation, facilities, equipment and related matters.
5. Student evaluation instruments – review of tests, procedures and guidance and counseling materials for stereotyping and discrimination.

LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. §1681 (*Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972*)
20 U.S.C. §1701-1758 (*Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974*)
29 U.S.C. §701 *et seq.* (*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973*)
C.R.S. 2-4-401 (13.5) (*definition of sexual orientation*)
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(III) (*Board duty to adopt written policies prohibiting discrimination*)
C.R.S. 24-34-601 (*unlawful discrimination in places of public accommodation*)
C.R.S. 24-34-602 (*penalty and civil liability for unlawful discrimination*)

CROSS REFS.: AC, Nondiscrimination/Equal Opportunity
ACE, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
JBA, Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex
JBB*, Sexual Harassment

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