## EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

It shall be the policy of the School Board that the school district shall place an equal emphasis upon the nondiscriminatory provision of educational opportunities for children and no person shall be excluded from participation in or denied the benefits of any education service, program, or activity on the basis of race, color<u>handicap</u> <u>disability</u>, religion, creed, national origin, <u>natural</u>, <u>protective</u>, or <u>cultural hairstyle</u>, age, or sex. All programs offered by schools within the school district shall be open to all students in compliance with statutory and judicial requirements.

The Superintendent shall designate a member of the staff to investigate any and all complaints which may be brought against the district in regard to any alleged discriminatory action. Adequate procedures shall be developed and maintained to provide for prompt and equitable resolution of student complaints.

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Ref: 20 U.S.C. §1401 et seq.; 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.; 29 U.S.C. §§621 et seq.; 29 U.S.C. §794; 42 U.S.C. §1983; 42 U.S.C. §§2000c (1-9); 42 U.S.C. §§2000d (1-6); La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §17:111; Singleton v. Jackson Municipal Separate School District, 419 F.2d 1211 (5th Cir. 1969); Ross v. Moffitt, 94 S.Ct. 437 (1974); San Antonio Independent School District v. Rodriguez, 93 S.Ct. 1278 (1973); Regents of University of California v. Bakke, 98 S.Ct. (1978); Board minutes, 4-20-99, 9-6-22.