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POLICY TITLE EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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It is the goal of the board to develop a healthy social, intellectual, emotional, and physical self-concept in the students enrolled in the school district. Each student attending school will have the opportunity to use its education program and services as a means for self-improvement and individual growth. In so doing, the students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that assures each student the same educational opportunity.

The Johnston Community School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. The belief in equal educational opportunity serves as a guide for the board and employees in making decisions relating to school district facilities, employment, selection of educational materials, equipment, curriculum, and regulations affecting students. There is a grievance procedure for processing complaints of discrimination. If you have questions or a grievance related to this policy please contact Dr. Nikki Roorda, Associate Superintendent, 6510 NW 62nd Ave., Johnston, IA 50131 or via phone at 515-278-0470, or by email at nikki.roorda@johnston.k12.ia.us.

Board policies, rules and regulations affect students while they are on school district property or on property within the jurisdiction of the school district; while on school owned and/or operated school or chartered vehicles; while attending or engaged in school activities; and while away from school grounds if misconduct will directly affect the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school district.

The board requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

Inquiries by students regarding compliance with equal educational opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination, are directed to the Affirmative Action Coordinator by writing to the Affirmative Action Coordinator, Johnston Community School District, Johnston Iowa, 50131; or by telephoning 515-278-0470.

Inquiries by students regarding compliance with equal educational opportunity and affirmative action laws and policies, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination, may also be directed in writing to the Director of the Region VII office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn St., 37th Floor, Chicago, IL, 60604 (312) 730-1560, fax (312) 730-1576 OCR.Chicago@ed.gov, the Iowa Civil Rights Commissioner, <https://icrc.iowa.gov>, (515) 281-4121 or the Iowa Dept. of Education, Grimes State Office Bldg., Des Moines, IA 50319. (515) 281-5294. This inquiry or complaint to the

federal or state office may be done instead of, or in addition to, an inquiry or complaint at the local level.

Discriminatory behavior, including harassment, prohibited by this policy may include, but is not limited to, verbal or written comments or physical conduct directed at an individual that intentionally demeans a legally protected trait of the individual and/or creates an intimidating, hostile, or demeaning environment for education. All complaints of discrimination against students, including discriminatory harassment, shall be processed pursuant to the grievance procedures for this policy. Complaints of other harassment and bullying against students shall be processed pursuant to Policy 104. In addition, if there is a more specific procedure relating to a complaint, such as those for disability grievances, then the complaint shall be processed under such procedure. Inquiries regarding compliance with equal educational opportunity, including but not limited to complaints of discrimination, may also be directed in writing to the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and/or the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education. This inquiry or complaint to the state and/or federal agencies may be done instead of, or in addition to, an inquiry or complaint at the local level.

Legal Reference: 20 U.S.C. §§ 1221 *et seq.*
 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 *et seq.*
 20 U.S.C. §§ 1701 *et seq.*
 29 U.S.C. § 206 *et seq.*
 29 U.S.C. § 794
 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d and 2000e.
 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.*
 34 C.F.R. Pt. 100.
 34 C.F.R. Pt. 104.
 Iowa Code §§ 216.6; 216.9; 256.11; 280.3.
 281 I.A.C. 12.

Cross Reference: 101 Educational Philosophy of the School District
 401.1 Equal Employment Opportunity
 500 Objectives for Equal Educational Opportunities for Students
 506.1 Student Records

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