

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The Los Angeles Unified School District is committed to providing a working and learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, abusive conduct, or bullying. The District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, abusive conduct or bullying based on actual or perceived race or ethnicity, gender/sex (including gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding/lactation status and related medical conditions), sexual orientation, religion, color, national origin (including language use restrictions and possession of a driver's license issued under Vehicle Code), ancestry, immigration status, physical or mental disability (including clinical depression and bipolar disorder, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, epilepsy, seizure disorder, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and heart disease), medical condition (cancer-related and genetic characteristics), military and veteran status, marital status, registered domestic partner status, age (40 and above), genetic information, political belief or affiliation (unless union related), a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, or any other basis protected by federal, state or local law, ordinance, or regulation in any program or activity it conducts or to which it provides significant assistance.

Discrimination is different treatment based on a protected characteristic in the context of an educational program, work or activity without a legitimate, nondiscriminatory reason that interferes with or limits the individual's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the District or includes an adverse employment action.

Hostile environment harassment occurs when a target is subjected to unwelcome conduct based on a protected characteristic, which is both subjectively offensive to the target and would be offensive to a reasonable person of the protected characteristics under similar circumstances and is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive to interfere with or limit an individual's ability to effectively work or to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or opportunities offered by the District. Harassment may take many forms, including but not limited to, verbal remarks and name-calling, graphic and written statements, or any conduct that may be threatening or humiliating. Harassment based on any of the above-protected categories is a form of unlawful discrimination and will not be tolerated by the District and can result in disciplinary action against the offending student or employee.

Upon witnessing an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, abusive conduct, or bullying based on actual or perceived protected characteristics, school personnel are required to take immediate steps to intervene when it is safe to do so. Once a school/office has express notice or reason to know of such conduct, whether carried out by employees, students or third parties, it should take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate or otherwise determine what occurred and take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the conduct, eliminate a hostile environment, if one has been created and prevent the conduct from occurring again. These steps should be taken regardless of whether an individual makes a complaint or asks the school/office to take action. Complainants are protected from retaliation. The District prohibits retaliation against any person who files a complaint or an appeal, reports instances of noncompliance, discrimination, harassment, intimidation, abusive conduct or bullying, or who participates in the complaint-filing or investigation process. This nondiscrimination policy applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance within any school/office under the jurisdiction of the Superintendent of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

For inquiries or complaints related to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of students based on actual or perceived protected characteristics, contact your school's administrator, the Title IX/Bullying Complaint Manager or:

**Julie Hall-Panameño, District Section 504 and Title IX Coordinator
Educational Equity Compliance Office, (213) 241-7682**

For inquiries or complaints related to employee-to-employee, student-to-employee, or work/employment-related discrimination, harassment, abusive conduct or intimidation, contact your school administrator or:

Equal Opportunity Section, (213) 241-7685

**Both Offices are located at:
Los Angeles Unified School District
333 South Beaudry Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90017**