

102 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that equal educational opportunity is provided for all students of Birch Grove Community School.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. It is Birch Grove Community School's policy to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. Birch Grove Community School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation or age. Birch Grove Community School also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled students.
- B. Birch Grove Community School prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute violation of Birch Grove Community Schools policy on harassment and violence and Birch Grove Community Schools procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to Birch Grove Community School's policy on harassment and violence.
- C. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.
- D. It is the responsibility of every school district employee, board member, and volunteer to comply with this policy conscientiously.
- E. Any student, parent or guardian having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with Birch Grove Community School administration, or school board members.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.03, Subd. 2 (Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy)
42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Americans with Disabilities Act)
20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 522 (Student Sex Nondiscrimination)