

Remove "handicap"  
Addition of limited English  
proficiency

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## EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

In recognition of the diversified characteristics and needs of our students and with the keen desire to be responsive to them, the Quabbin Regional School Committee will make every effort to protect the dignity of the students as individuals. It also will offer careful consideration and sympathetic understanding of their personal feelings, particularly with reference to their race, color, sex, disability, economic status, political party, age, ~~handicap~~, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, physical and intellectual difference, **limited English proficiency**, homelessness, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition and other human differences.

To accomplish this, the Committee and its staff will make every effort to comply with the letter and the spirit of the Massachusetts equal educational opportunities law (known as Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971), which prohibits discrimination in public school admissions and programs. The law reads as follows:

No child shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and course of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, disability, economic status, political party, age, ~~handicap~~, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, physical and intellectual difference, **limited English proficiency**, homelessness, pregnancy or pregnancy related condition and other human differences.

In addition, the Quabbin Regional School District School Committee, in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, prohibits discrimination against students on the basis of homelessness.

This will mean that every student will be given equal opportunity in school admission, admissions to courses, course content, guidance, and extracurricular and athletic activities.

All implementing provisions issued by the Board of Education in compliance with this law will be followed.

SOURCE: MASC

LEGAL REFS.: Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964  
Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972  
Executive Order 11246, as amended by E.O. 11375  
Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972  
M.G.L. 76:5; 76:16 (Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971)  
Board of Education Chapter 622 Regulations Pertaining to Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, adopted 6/24/75, amended 10/24/78  
Board of Education, Chapter 766 Regulations 10/74 - amended through 3/28/78  
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CROSS REF.: AC, Nondiscrimination

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