

3122 - NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

These administrative guidelines are established to assist in the proper implementation of Policy [3122](#) and Policy 3122.02.

Policy [3122](#) states:

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age, height, weight, marital or family status, religion, military status, ancestry, genetic information or any other legally protected category, (collectively, "Protected Classes"), in its programs and activities, including employment opportunities.

The following person is designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies of the District or to address any complaint of discrimination:

Superintendent
West Iron County School District
601 Garfield Ave.
Iron River, MI 49935
(906) 265-9218

Notice of the Board's policy on nondiscrimination in employment practices shall be posted throughout the District, published in any District statement regarding the availability of employment, and in any staff handbooks.

Sex-Based Discrimination

Discrimination against a transgender individual because that person is transgender is discrimination based on sex and therefore a violation of Title VII. Specifically, discrimination against transgender individuals on the basis of sex stereotyping/gender-nonconformity constitutes sex discrimination. This is true irrespective of the cause of the person's gender non-conforming behavior.

Additionally, employment actions based upon an individual's sexual orientation are suspect and potentially illegal.

Administrators are required to investigate allegations of conduct involving the discrimination or harassment of an employee or applicant based upon his/her transgender identity or sexual orientation. Any questions concerning whether alleged conduct might violate this prohibition should be promptly brought to the Superintendent's attention.

Military Status

For purposes of this policy/administrative guideline, "military status" refers to a person's status in the uniformed services which includes the performance of duty, on a voluntary or involuntary basis, in a uniformed service including active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training, inactive duty for training, full-time National Guard duty, and performance of duty or training by a member of the Michigan organized militia. It also includes the period of time for which a person is absent from employment for the purpose of an examination to determine the fitness of the person to perform any such duty as listed above.