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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 School Committee shall make every effort to protect the dignity of the students as individuals. It shall also offer careful consideration and sympathetic understanding of their personal feelings, particularly with reference to their race, creed, sex, gender identity, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, and physical and intellectual differences.

To accomplish this, the Committee and its staff shall make every effort to comply with the letter and the spirit of the Massachusetts Equal Educational Opportunities statute, which prohibits discrimination in public schools 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, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin”.

In the Chicopee Public Schools, this shall mean that every student will be given equal opportunity in school admission, admissions to courses, guidance, course content, and extracurricular and athletic activities.

All implementing provisions issued by the State Board of Education in compliance with this law shall be followed by the staff of the Chicopee Public Schools.

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)  
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