Public Complaints Concerning Discrimination

Note: 4 AAC 06.560 mandates that the district adopt and make available to the public written grievance procedures for violations of A.S. 14.18 or 4 AAC 06.500 - 4 AAC 06.600, governing sex and race discrimination. The following sample policy and regulations should be revised as deemed appropriate within the parameters of law.

The School Board recognizes that the district has primary responsibility for ensuring that it complies with state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. Furthermore, the School Board seeks to ensure that students, regardless of ethnicity, race, religion, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or socioeconomic background, do not disproportionately experience suspension, expulsion, other disciplinary actions, nor any form of discrimination. The School District will ensure that opportunities and courses are offered and accessible to all students in a fair manner and without discrimination. The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to investigate and seek to resolve complaints alleging unlawful discrimination related to educational programs and activities.

The School Board acknowledges and respects student and employee rights to privacy. Complaints shall be investigated in a manner that protects these rights.

(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)
(cf. 4112.6 - Personnel Records)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

The School Board prohibits retaliation in any form for the filing of a complaint, the reporting of instances of discrimination, or for participation in complaint procedures.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1213.1 - Complaints Concerning School Personnel)
(cf. 1213.2 - Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials)
(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect (Reporting Procedures)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES
14.18.010 Discrimination based on sex and race prohibited
14.18.020 Discrimination in employment prohibited
14.18.090 Enforcement by State Board of Education
14.18.100 Remedies (Sex or Race Discrimination)

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE
4 AAC 06.510 Discrimination in hiring practices.
4 AAC 06.560 - 06.580 Violations; Prohibition Against Sex Discrimination
4 AAC 52.500 - 52.529 Procedural Safeguards; Education for Exceptional Children

TITLE VI, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964
TITLE VII, CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964
PUBLIC COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION

TITLE IX, EDUCATION AMENDMENTS OF 1972
SECTION 504, REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973
34 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS 200.74 and Part 300
GENERAL EDUCATION PROVISIONS ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1221 et seq., especially:
FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY RIGHTS ACT, 20 U.S.C. 1232g
CIVIL RIGHTS RESTORATION ACT
20 U.S.C. 1683 et seq.
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, SECTIONS 503 AND 504
29 U.S.C. 791 et seq.
AGE DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT ACT
29 U.S.C. 621 et seq.
VIETNAM ERA VETERANS ACT
38 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.

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