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SCHOOL-COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACCOMMODATING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

Individuals with disabilities shall be provided an opportunity to participate in all school-sponsored services, programs, or activities on an equal basis to those without disabilities and will not be subject to illegal discrimination. Where necessary, the District may provide to persons with disabilities separate or different aids, benefits, or services from, but as effective as, those provided to others.

The District will provide auxiliary aids and services where necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal opportunity to participate or enjoy the benefits of a service, program, or activity.

Each service, program, or activity operated in existing facilities shall be readily accessible to, and usable by, individuals with disabilities. New construction and alterations to existing facilities will be accessible when viewed in its entirety.

The Superintendent is designated the Americans With Disabilities Act Title II Coordinator and, in that capacity, is directed to:

- 1. Oversee an evaluation of District services, policies and practices to determine if they comply with Title II.
- 2. Institute plans to make information regarding Title II's protection available to any interested party.

Individuals with disabilities should notify the Superintendent or Principal if they have a disability which will require special assistance or services and, if so, what services are required. This notification should occur as far as possible before the school-sponsored function, program, or meeting. Individuals with disabilities may allege a violation of this policy or Federal law by filing a grievance under the District's "Uniform Grievance Procedure."

Legal References:

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12111 et. seq. And 12131 et seq. 28 C.F.R. part 35

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