

## **Math and Science Academy**

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### **102 EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that equal educational opportunity is provided for all students of the Math and Science Academy (MSA).

#### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. It is the MSA's policy to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. MSA does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression, or age. MSA also makes reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities.
- B. MSA prohibits harassment and discrimination of any individual based on any of the protected classifications listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute violation of MSA's policy on harassment and violence and the MSA's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to the MSA's policy on harassment and violence (Policy 413).
- C. MSA prohibits discrimination of students with a disability, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504"), who need services, accommodations, or programs in order to receive a free appropriate public education. For information as to protections that may apply pursuant to Section 504 and MSA's corresponding procedures for addressing disability discrimination complaints, refer to the MSA's policy on student disability nondiscrimination (Policy 521).
- D. MSA prohibits sexual harassment discrimination of any individual on the basis of sex in its education programs or activities. For information as to the protections that apply pursuant to Title IX and MSA's corresponding procedures and processes for addressing sexual harassment and discrimination, refer to the school district's policy on Title IX sex nondiscrimination (Policy 522)
- E. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.
- F. Every MSA employee shall be responsible for complying with this policy.

- G. Any student, parent or guardian having any questions regarding this policy should discuss it with the appropriate Math and Science Academy official as provided by policy. In the absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or a complaint should be referred to the director.

***Legal References:*** Minn. Stat. § 121A.03, Subd. 2 (Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy)  
Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)  
20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)  
42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.* (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)  
42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Americans with Disabilities Act)

***Cross References:*** MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 521 (Student Disability Nondiscrimination)  
MSBA/MASA Model Policy 522 (Title IX Sex Nondiscrimination Policy, Grievance Procedure and Process)