

**GOVERNING PRINCIPLE --  
REMOVAL OF BARRIERS**

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A system of excellent schools prohibits illegal discrimination and harassment of staff and students, encourages tolerance and respect, and seeks to eliminate or lessen other barriers that may impede a student’s ability or opportunity to learn, including economic disadvantages, poor nutrition, ill-health and lack of transportation. The board’s vision for removing barriers is expressed in the following board policies:

Bidding for Construction Work ..... (policy 9120)  
Bullying and Harassing Behavior Prohibited.....(policy 4329/7311)  
Counseling Program..... (policy 3610)  
Crowdfunding on Behalf of the School System.....(policy 7360/8225)  
Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law.....(policy 1710/4020/7230)  
Discrimination and Harassment in the Workplace.....(policy 7232)  
Discrimination Complaint Procedure for Students ..... (policy 1741)  
Equal Educational Opportunities ..... (policy 4001)  
Facility Design ..... (policy 9020)  
Free and Reduced Price Meal Services..... (policy 6225)  
Goals of School Nutrition Services ..... (policy 6200)  
Goals of Student Health Services ..... (policy 6100)  
Goals of Student Transportation Services ..... (policy 6300)  
Grievance Procedure for Employees..... (policy 1750/7220)  
Harassment Defined..... (policy 1735)  
Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities ..... (policy 1730)  
Operation of School Nutrition Services ..... (policy 6220)  
Participation by Historically Underutilized Businesses ..... (policy 6402)  
Participation by Minority Businesses..... (policy 9125)  
School Trips ..... (policy 3320)  
Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for Employees ..... (policy 1755)  
Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure for Students ..... (policy 1745)  
Sexual Harassment Defined..... (policy 1736)  
Student and Parent Grievance Procedure..... (policy 1740/4010)  
Student Fees ..... (policy 4600)  
Student Health Services ..... (policy 6120)  
Support Services ..... (policy 6000)  
Testing and Assessment Program ..... (policy 3410)  
Title IX Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex.....(policy 1720/4030/7235)  
Title IX Sexual Harassment-Prohibited Conduct and Reporting Process.....(policy 1725/4035/7236)  
Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Process.....(policy 1726/4036/7237)

Tuition for Discretionary Admissions..... (policy 4135)  
Vendor Lists..... (policy 6442)

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36

Cross References: Governing Principles (policy 1100), Board and Superintendent Relations (policy 2010), Adoption of Policies (policy 2420)

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