

# DISCRIMINATION / HARASSMENT

The AcadeMir Charter School's Governing Board is committed to ensuring that all students and employees are treated with respect. We strive to provide a workplace and educational environment free from discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment, as mandated by law.

Through this policy, The AcadeMir Charter School's Governing Board affirms its intent to provide equal access, opportunity, and treatment to students in educational programs and activities, as well as to applicants and employees in all aspects of employment. Any slurs, innuendos, hostile treatment, violence, or verbal or physical conduct against a student or employee based on race, ethnic or national origin, gender, or any other protected category will not be tolerated.

## The School Board Policy Covers the Following Protected Categories:

**AGE** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's age.

**CITIZENSHIP STATUS** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's citizenship or immigration status.

**COLOR** - This category prevents denial and/or educational opportunities because of a person's skin tone. Color discrimination can occur within the same race; for example someone who has a darker complexion may discriminate against someone that has a lighter complexion.

**DISABILITY** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person has, or is perceived to have a permanent impairment that substantially limits or prevents a major life activity; for example: walking, seeing, hearing, talking, sitting, or standing.

**ETHNIC/NATIONAL ORIGIN** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's ancestors' place of origin; or because an individual has the physical, cultural or linguistic characteristics of a particular group.

**GENDER** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's gender or sex.

**GENDER IDENTITY** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's gender-related identity, appearance, expression or behavior, regardless of the individual's assigned sex at birth.

**GENETIC INFORMATION (GINA)** - This category prevents denial of equal employment and/or harassment because of a person's genetic information; it ensures that individuals are not treated differently because of genetic information.

**LINGUISTIC PREFERENCE** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of the language a person speaks.

**MARITAL STATUS** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's marital status; i.e. single, married, widowed, or divorced.

**POLITICAL BELIEFS** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's support and/or affiliation or lack thereof with a particular political party.

**PREGNANCY** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities for women who are pregnant.

**RACE** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's race. The five federally recognized racial categories are American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Black or African American, Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White. Persons from a mixed racial backgrounds do not need to prove their exact heritage in order to assert that they have been discriminated against based on race. Likewise, this category covers persons being discriminated against because they are married to persons of a different race other than their own.

**RELIGION** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's sincerely held religious beliefs.

**SEX** - This category prevents denial of equal employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's male or female gender.

**SEXUAL ORIENTATION** - This category prevents denial of equal employment and/or educational opportunities because a person is, or is perceived to be, lesbian, gay, bisexual, or heterosexual.

**SOCIAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUND** - This category prevents denial of employment and/or educational opportunities because of a person's socio-economic, family and/or educational background.

## Sexual Harassment will NOT be Tolerated.

### Title IX OF THE EDUCATION AMENDMENT OF 1972 PROHIBITS SEXUAL HARASSMENT WHICH INCLUDES UNWELCOMED SEXUAL ADVANCES; REQUEST FOR SEXUAL FAVORS; AND OTHER VERBAL OR PHYSICAL CONDUCT OF A SEXUAL NATURE WHEN:

- Submission to such conduct made either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of employment or participation in an educational program;
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment or educational decisions affecting such individual; or
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working or educational environment. Unwelcome verbal or physical sexual conduct must be either severe or pervasive.

## RETALIATION AGAINST A STUDENT OR EMPLOYEE WHO FILES A COMPLAINT IS PROHIBITED BY LAW

Retaliation is an adverse action taken against an individual because they engaged in a protected activity, such as complaining about discrimination, threatening to file a charge of discrimination, or participating in investigative proceedings.

For additional information about Title IX or any other discrimination/harassment concerns, contact:

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