

## RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Nondiscrimination/Equal Education Opportunities**

The River Valley School District is committed and dedicated to the task of providing the best education possible for every student in the district for as long as the student can benefit from attendance and the student's conduct is compatible with the welfare of the entire student body.

The right of the student to be admitted to school and to participate fully in curricular, extracurricular, student services, recreational or other programs or activities shall not be abridged or impaired. The River Valley School District does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, creed, sex, age, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, or disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies: Brian Krey, Business Manager, 660 W. Daley, Street, Spring Green, WI 53588, 608-588-2551, bkrey@rvschools.org and Lisa Kjos, Pupil Services Director, 660 Varsity Blvd., Spring Green, WI 53588, 608-588-2554, lkjos@rvschools.org

Complaints regarding the interpretation or application of this policy shall be referred to the building principal/ABC and processed in accordance with established procedures. Retaliation against complainants or other participating in an investigation is prohibited.

Students who have been identified as having a disability, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Americans with Disabilities Act, shall be provided with reasonable accommodations in educational services or programs. Students may be considered disabled even if they are not covered under the district's special education policies and procedures.

Children of homeless individuals and unaccompanied homeless youth (youth not in physical custody of a parent/guardian) residing in the district shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including comparable services, as provided to other children and youth residing in the district. Homeless children and youth shall not be required to attend a separate school or program for homeless children and shall not be stigmatized by school personnel.

The district will provide for the reasonable accommodation of a student's sincerely held religious beliefs with regard to examinations and other academic requirements. Requests for accommodations shall be made in writing and approved by the building principal. Accommodations may include, but not necessarily be limited to, being excluded from participation in an activity, alternative assignments, released time from school to participate in religious activities and opportunities to make up work missed due to religious observances. Any accommodations granted under this policy shall be provided to students without prejudicial effect.

Notice of this policy and its accompanying complaint procedures shall be published annually in the official news publication and posted in each school building in the district. In addition, a student nondiscrimination statement shall be included in student and staff handbooks, course selection handbooks and other published

materials distributed to the public describing school activities and opportunities.

LEGAL REF.: Section 118.13 Wisconsin Statutes

PI 9 and 41 Wisconsin Administrative Code Title IX

Education Amendments of 1972 Title VI

Civil Rights Act of 1964

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

Civil Rights Act of 1991

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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