

## Series 5000 - Students

### 0. Concepts and Roles in Student Policies

The focus of the school system is on the learner, the student. The student's educational development is the central concern of the Board of Education's policies and the administrator's regulations.

Each child of each parent shall be given equal opportunity. However, children vary widely in capacities, interests, and social/economic background. Therefore, no two can be treated exactly alike if the fullest development of each is to be achieved.

The Board of Education will attempt to erase any limitations of facilities and means that stand in the way of our school's availability to all who wish to learn.

Discrimination among students attending our schools with respect to race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or physical disability is prohibited.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
10-15 Towns to maintain schools.  
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds.  
10-184 Duties of parents. (re: mandatory schooling of children five years of age and over and under eighteen)  
10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board.  
10-226a Pupils of racial minorities.  
Section 504, U. S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. @ 794

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