## Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Policy Series 6000 – Students Policy #6460 – EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY (Students)

It is the policy of this BOCES to provide, through a positive and effective program, equal educational opportunities for all students in admittance to and/or participation in educational courses, programs or activities; school services; and extracurricular events regardless of age, sex, race, religion, color, national origin, disability, creed, marital status, veteran status, military status, sexual orientation, prior criminal offense, domestic violence victim status, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic status.

The District Superintendent shall designate one or more BOCES employees as Civil Rights Compliance Officer(s), also the Title IX Coordinators, whose responsibility will be to ensure compliance with the various federal and state statutes and regulations prohibiting discrimination in educational programs, including Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The BOCES shall establish and implement regulations and procedures in accordance with applicable law that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of any and all complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status or disability, military and/or veteran status, sexual orientation, prior criminal record, genetic status, or victim of domestic violence.

The BOCES shall take appropriate annual steps to notify students and their parents or legal guardians of this policy of non-discrimination. This shall include provision for the publication and dissemination, internally and externally, of this policy to ensure its availability, to interested citizens and groups. Included in this notification shall be the name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the Civil Rights Compliance Officer(s) responsible for handling complaints regarding discrimination; and a copy of the BOCES established grievance procedures shall be available upon request to the Human Resources Office.

## **References:**

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 United States Code Section 2000-e et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 United States Code Section 2000-d et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 United States Code Section 794 et seq.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 United States Code Section 12101 et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 United States Code Section 1681 et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex.

New York State Executive Law Section 290 et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, creed, color, national origin, sex, disability or marital status.

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Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 United States Code Section 621

## **Policy References:**

Refer also to Policies #1440 -- Non-Discrimination and #6462 -- Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention (Dignity for all Students Act)

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