

**Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Policy**  
**Series 6000 – Students**  
**Policy #6461 – COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES BY STUDENTS**

While students have the responsibility to abide by the policies and regulations of the BOCES, they shall also be afforded opportunity to present complaints and grievances free from interference, coercion, restraint, discrimination or reprisal. Administration shall be responsible for:

- a) Establishing rules and regulations for the redress of complaints or grievances through proper administration channels;
- b) Developing an appeals process;
- c) Ensuring that students have full understanding and access to these regulations and procedure; and
- d) Providing prompt consideration and determination of student complaints and grievances.

**Civil Rights Compliance Officer**

In addition, students and parents/guardians will receive annual notification of the availability of the BOCES established grievance procedures for resolving complaints of discrimination based on sex or disability. This notice shall include the name, address and telephone number and email of the Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator (i.e., the Civil Rights Compliance Officer).

The Civil Rights Compliance Officer shall also be responsible for handling complaints and grievances regarding discrimination based on race, color, creed, national origin, age or marital status, military and/or veteran status, sexual orientation, genetic status, prior criminal record, or victim of domestic violence.

References:

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 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 (U.S.C.) 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 (U.S.C.) Section 794 et seq.

The Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 12101 et seq. - Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 United States Code (U.S.C.) 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 Policy #1440 -- Non-Discrimination.

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