



#7. Student Parental, Marital and Family Status Nondiscrimination (MSBA #528)

Adopted by the St. Cloud Math & Science Academy Board of Directors: June 1, 2014

I. PURPOSE

Students are protected from discrimination on the basis of sex and marital status pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. This includes discrimination on the basis of pregnancy. The purpose of this The St. Cloud Math and Science Academy policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex, parental, family, or marital status.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- a. The school provides equal educational opportunity for all students, and will not apply any rule concerning a student's actual or potential parental, family, or marital status that treats students differently on the basis of sex.
- b. The school will not discriminate against any student, or exclude any student from its education program or activity, including any class or extracurricular activity, on the basis of such students' pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy or recovery there from, unless the student requests voluntarily to participate in a separate portion of the program or activity of the recipient.
- c. The school may require such a student to obtain the certification of a physician that the student is physically and emotionally able to continue participation in the normal education program or activity so long as such a certification is required of all students for other physical or emotional conditions requiring the attention of a physician.
- d. The school will ensure that any separate and voluntary instructional program is comparable to that offered to non-pregnant students.
- e. It is the responsibility of every school employee to comply with this policy.

- f. The school board has designated the director as its Title IX coordinator. This employee coordinates the school's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX.
- g. Any student, parent or guardian having questions regarding the application of Title IX and its regulations and/or this policy should discuss them with the Title IX coordinator. Questions relating solely to Title IX and its regulations may be referred to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education. In the absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or complaint should be referred to the Board Chair.
- h. Any reports of unlawful discrimination under this policy will be handled, investigated and acted upon in the manner specified in Policy 522 - Student Sex Nondiscrimination.