## **Students**

## **Equal Educational Opportunity**

It is the policy of the New Milford Board of Education that students shall be provided an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the activities, programs, and courses of study offered by the school district without discrimination on account of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, parenthood, pregnancy, alienage or any other basis prohibited by local, state and federal law. Additionally, pursuant to Title IX and relevant state law, no individual shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

The New Milford Board of Education complies with all laws pertaining to student disabilities, including but not limited to Section 504 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, and the Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act, as amended from time to time (IDEA), and applicable state laws and federal and state regulations. Additionally, the Board of Education provides equal access to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups.

Any student or other individual who feels he or she has been denied an equal opportunity in violation of this policy should immediately bring his or her complaint to the attention of the Building Principal or Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor or the Title IX Coordinator, unless the Title IX Coordinator is the subject of the complaint in which case it may be brought to the Superintendent of Schools. The Title IX Coordinator may be reached at the Office of the Assistant Superintendent, 50 East Street, New Milford, CT 06776, 860-354-3235.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15c (Discrimination in public schools prohibited)

46a-58 (Deprivation of rights)

United States Code

20 U.S.C. 1400 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) 20 U.S.C. 1681 (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)

20 U.S.C. 7905 Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act 29 U.S.C. 794 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973) 42 U.S.C. 2000d (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)

42 U.S.C. 12101 (Americans with Disabilities Act)

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