

## **Policy 401    EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

### **I.     PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide an equal employment opportunity for all Northfield School District applicants for employment and for all district employees. This policy aims to align with the district’s strategic commitments to people.

### **II.    GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A.    The policy of the school district is to provide equal employment opportunities for all applicants and employees. The district does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, age, family care leave status or veteran status. The district also makes reasonable accommodations for disabled employees.
- B.    The district prohibits the harassment of any individual for any of the categories listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute impermissible harassment and the district’s internal procedures for addressing complaints of harassment, please refer to the district’s policy on harassment and violence.
- C.    This policy applies to all areas of employment including job application procedures, hiring, advancement, discharge, compensation, job training and other terms, conditions and privileges of employment.
- D.    Every district employee shall be responsible for following this policy.
- E.    Any person having a question regarding this policy or reporting a violation of this policy should contact the Director of Human Resources.

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Northfield, Minnesota

#### ***Legal References:***

Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)  
29 U.S.C. § 621 et. seq. (Age Discrimination in Employment Act)  
29 U.S.C. § 2615 (Family and Medical Leave Act)  
38 U.S.C. § 4211 et. seq. (Employment and Training of Veterans)  
38 U.S.C. § 4301 et seq. (Employment and Reemployment Rights of Members of the Uniformed Services)  
42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq. (Equal Employment Opportunities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act)  
42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. (Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities)

#### ***Cross References:***

MSBA/MASA Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)  
MSBA/MASA Policy 405 (Veteran’s Preference)  
MSBA/MASA Policy 413 (Harassment and Violence)