Equal Employment Opportunity

The District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all persons regardless of their race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, political ideas, marital status, use of lawful products while not at work, physical or mental disability, if otherwise able to perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation, sexual orientation, gender identity, and/or gender nonconformity.

The District shall not retaliate against any employee for complaining about not receiving equal employment opportunities or other unlawful discriminatory practices, participating in a proceeding regarding the denial of equal employment opportunities, or otherwise opposing discrimination.

Persons who believe they have not received equal employment opportunities or have been retaliated against should report their claims to the building administrator or the District’s Title IX, Section 504 and ADA, and/or Age Discrimination Coordinator. Claims of sex or gender-based discrimination will be handled through the District’s Title IX Grievance Procedures, and claims of disability discrimination will be handled through the District’s Section 504 and ADA Grievance Procedures. All other claims will be handled through the Uniform Grievance Procedure.

No employee or applicant will be discriminated against because he or she initiated a complaint, was a witness, supplied information, or otherwise participated in an investigation or proceeding involving an alleged violation of this policy or State or federal laws. Any person making a knowingly false accusation or statement, regardless of the reason, will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

Legal References:

29 USC § 621 et seq. Age Discrimination in Employment Act
42 USC § 12111, et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act
29 USC § 206 Equal Pay Act
29 USC § 791 et seq. Rehabilitation Act of 1973
42 USC § 2000(e) et seq. Title VII of Civil Rights Act
§ 49-2-101, et seq. MCA Human Rights Act
§ 49-2-301, MCA Retaliation Prohibited
§ 49-1-102, MCA Freedom from discrimination
§ 49-2-303, MCA Discrimination in employment
§ 49-3-201, MCA et seq Governmental Code of Fair Practices
28 CFR Part 35
34 CFR Parts 104, 106

Cross Reference:
Title IX Grievance Procedures
Section 504 and ADA Grievance Procedures
Uniform Grievance Procedure

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