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**ROCHESTER BEACON ACADEMY
POLICY No. 102
EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that equal educational opportunity is provided for all students of Rochester Beacon Academy ("RBA").

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The policy of RBA is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students. RBA does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of one or more of the following: race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression, or age. RBA also makes reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities.
- B. RBA prohibits harassment and discrimination of any individual based on any of the protected classifications listed above. For information about the types of conduct that constitute violation of RBA's policy on harassment and violence and RBA's procedures for addressing such complaints, refer to RBA's policy on harassment and violence.
- C. RBA prohibits discrimination of students with a disability, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504"), who need services, accommodations, or programs in order to receive a free appropriate public education. For information as to protections that may apply pursuant to Section 504 and RBA's corresponding procedures for addressing disability discrimination complaints, refer to the charter school's policy on student disability nondiscrimination.
- D. RBA prohibits sexual harassment discrimination of any individual on the basis of sex in its education programs or activities. For information as to the protections that apply pursuant to Title IX and RBA's corresponding procedures and processes for addressing sexual harassment and discrimination, refer to RBA's policy on Title IX sex nondiscrimination.
- E. RBA shall provide equal opportunity for members of each sex and to members of all races and ethnicities to participate in its athletic program. In determining whether equal opportunity to participate in athletic programs is available for the purposes of this law, at least the following factors shall be considered to the extent that they are applicable to a given situation: whether the opportunity for males and females to participate in the athletic program reflects the demonstrated interest in athletics of the males and females in the student body of the educational institution; whether the opportunity for members of all races and ethnicities to participate in the athletic program reflects the demonstrated interest in athletics of members of all races and ethnicities in the student body of the educational institution; whether the variety and selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the demonstrated interests of members of each sex; whether the variety and selection of sports and levels of competition effectively accommodate the demonstrated interests of members of all races and ethnicities; the provision of equipment and supplies; scheduling of games and practice times; assignment of coaches; provision of locker

rooms; practice and competitive facilities; and the provision of necessary funds for teams of one sex.

- F. This policy applies to all areas of education including academics, coursework, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, or other rights or privileges of enrollment.
- G. Every RBA employee shall be responsible for complying with this policy.
- H. Any student, parent, or guardian having a question regarding this policy should discuss it with the appropriate RBA official as provided by policy. In the absence of a specific designee, an inquiry or a complaint should be referred to the executive director.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 121A.03, Subd. 2 (Sexual, Religious, and Racial Harassment and Violence Policy)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.04 (Athletic Programs; Sex Discrimination)
Minn. Stat. Ch. 363A (Minnesota Human Rights Act)
20 U.S.C. § 1681 *et seq.* (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)
42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.* (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964)
42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.* (Americans with Disabilities Act)