# **Non-Discrimination Notice**

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#### **Non-Discrimination Statement**

The School District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, parental status, status with regard to public assistance, disability, age, or sexual orientation, including gender identity and expression. The School District also ensures a free appropriate public education for students with disabilities, including regular or special education and related aides and services.

#### Designations

The school board has designated the following individuals as the school district's human rights officers:

Human Rights Officer	Alternative Human Rights Officer (if Human Rights Officer not available)
Martina Wagner, Superintendent Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4502 <u>mtwagner@rwps.org</u>	Allegra Smisek, Director of Teaching Learning/Assistant Superintendent Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4504 <u>armisek@rwps.org</u>

The school board has designated the following people to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under Title IX:

Title IX Coordinator	Alternative Title IX Coordinator (if Title IX Coordinator not available)
Martina Wagner, Superintendent Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4502 <u>mtwagner@rwps.org</u>	Allegra Smisek, Director of Teaching Learning/Assistant Superintendent Red Wing Public Schools 2451 Eagle Ridge Drive Red Wing, MN 55066 651-385-4504 <u>armisek@rwps.org</u>

The school board has designated the following people to coordinate the school district's efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504:

ADA/Section 504 Coordinator	Alternative ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (if ADA/Section 504 Coordinator not available)
Cherie Johnson, Executive Director	Kayla Awolope, Special Education Director
Goodhue County Education District	Goodhue County Education District
395 Guernsey Lane	395 Guernsey Lane
Red Wing, MN 55066	Red Wing, MN 55066
651-388-4441	651-388-4441
cjohnson@gced.k12.mn.us	<u>klawolope@rwps.org</u>

## **Reporting Claims of Discrimination**

To submit and resolve complaints, grievances, and reports of unlawful discrimination, harassment, violence, bullying, and hazing, individuals may contact one of the following:

- Advocate. A list of advocates for students will be available in the district office, in each school office, and on the district's website. Advocates assist students and/or parents with submitting reports and answering questions about the complaint process.
- Building principal/administrator or designee
- Title IX Coordinator (if the complaint involves a claim of discrimination based on sex)
- American with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 Coordinator (if the complaint involves a claim of discrimination based on disability)
- A Human Rights Officer (if the complaint involves the building principal/administrator)
- Superintendent (if the complaint involves the Human Rights Officer)
- School Board Chair (if the complaint involves the Superintendent)
- Any other school official. School officials will forward complaints to appropriate personnel

### **Policies Prohibiting Discrimination**

School district policies are available at rwps.org > District > Policies, Handbooks, and Notices or from the District Office.

Policy 102: Equal Educational Opportunity	The purpose of this policy is to ensure that equal educational opportunity is provided for all students of the School District.
Policy 401: Equal Employment Opportunity	The purpose of this policy is to provide equal employment opportunity for all applicants for School District employment and School District employees.
Policy 402: Disability Nondiscrimination	The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair employment setting for all persons and to comply with state and federal law.
Policy 413: Harassment and Violence	The purpose of this policy is to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from harassment and violence on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, familial status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.
Policy 514: Bullying Prohibition	The purpose of this policy is to assist the School District in its goal of preventing and responding to acts of bullying, intimidation, violence, and other similar disruptive behavior.
Policy 521: Student Disability Nondiscrimination	The purpose of this policy is to protect disabled students from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.
Policy 522: Student Sex Nondiscrimination	Students are protected from discrimination on the basis of sex pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Minnesota Human Rights Act. The purpose of this policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.

Policy 526: Hazing Prohibition	The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe learning environment for students and staff that is free from hazing. Hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational goals of the School District and are prohibited at all times.
Policy 528: Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination	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 School District policy is to provide equal educational opportunity for all students and to prohibit discrimination on the grounds of sex, parental, family, or marital status.
Policy 1000: Inclusive Education Plan	The purpose of this policy is to establish and maintain a written plan to assure an inclusive education program as defined in Minnesota Statutes 3500.0550.