

**POLICY 900-4**

**GENDER EQUITY IN EDUCATION**

The Board of Education fully recognizes that gender equity extends the doctrine of fairness to all areas of activity in the public school system. It is motivated by a sense of moral responsibility in addition to the duty to comply with the legal requirements of non-discrimination. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, is a landmark legislation that must be implemented as a moral and legal responsibility of the Department of Education.

No person, on the basis of sex, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by the Department of Education. To achieve the goal of gender equity in education, all programs and activities conducted by the Department of Education shall comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and the Title IX regulations promulgated by the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, including the Title IX policy interpretation and guidance applicable to athletic programs. Title IX shall be the gender equity standard which shall provide all students with an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the programs and activities of the Department of Education.

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