

**RECRUITING AND HIRING OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

In response to An Act to Promote Equity of Opportunity for Women in Administrative Positions in the Public School System (PL 1990, Chap. 889), the Board affirms its commitment to the strict prohibition of discrimination in employment on the basis of race, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability, and to the principle of affirmative action to obtain a wide and representative candidate pool.

In accordance with 20-A MRSA, §1001.13, the Superintendent shall prepare a procedure designed to ensure nondiscriminatory practices in recruitment and hiring for all positions requiring administrator certification, as well as to result in the selection of the most qualified candidates. This procedure shall be attached hereto as GCFB-R, and shall be reviewed periodically.

Moreover, upon each occasion of administrative vacancy, the Superintendent shall review the procedure and make appropriate adaptations as may be warranted by special circumstances. In the case of a vacancy in the Superintendentcy, the Board shall review the procedure, adapting as appropriate.

In accordance with 20-A MRSA, §4502.4-A, the unit's Affirmative Action Plan shall include: a description of the status of the unit's nondiscriminatory administrator hiring practice; plans for in-service training programs on gender equity for teachers, administrators and the Board; and the relationship of the above to the State's five-year goal for the employment of women in administrative positions.

Legal Reference: 5 MRSA §4576  
20-A MRSA §§6, 254.8-10, 256.1, 7, 1001.13, 4502.4A, 13011.6,  
13019-A.1D, 13019-B.1C

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