

## Students

### Concepts and Roles in Student Policies

The focus of the school system is on the learner, the student. The student's educational development toward the school's goals is the central concern of the Board of Education's policies and the administrator's regulations.

Each child will be given equal opportunity. Since children vary widely in capacities, interests, social and economic background, no two can be treated exactly alike if the fullest development of each is to be achieved.

The Board will attempt to provide the best possible educational programs for all students who wish to learn in the Hamden School System.

Discrimination among students with respect to race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or physical disability is prohibited.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-15 Towns to maintain schools.

10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year olds.

10-184 Duties of parents (re mandatory schooling of children seven years of age and over and under sixteen)

10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. Appeals to state board. Establishment of hearing board.

10-226a Pupils of racial minority

Sec 504 Section 504, U.S. Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. @ 794

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