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Title IX – Access to Education Programs and Activities

Students, on the basis of sex, pregnancy, or marital/parental status, shall not be denied the right to enroll in any class offered by the Prince William County Public Schools, including health, physical education, industrial, business, vocational, technical, home economics, music, and adult education. The Prince William County Public Schools will not apply any rule concerning a student’s actual or potential parental, family, or marital status which treats students differently on the basis of sex. Students who believe they have been discriminated against on the basis of sex may use the complaint procedures in Regulation 738-1, Complaint Procedures for Student Claims of Discrimination or Harassment.

I. Non-Discrimination in Non-Physical Education Classes

A. Course titles should not specify or imply that the course is primarily or exclusively for either male or female students.

B. The composition of vocal music classes may be determined by requirements based on vocal range or quality.

C. There shall not be sex-differentiated assignments, materials, services or requirements in any course except as noted in the Family Life Education program. Portions of classes which deal exclusively with human sexuality may be conducted in separate sessions for boys and girls.

D. Alternative educational instruction shall be made available to a pregnant student for medical and/or emotional reasons if the pregnant student’s physician determines it is necessary for the health and safety of the pregnant student during the term of pregnancy.

II. Non-Discrimination in Physical Education Classes

A. In physical education classes and activities, students may be grouped by ability, and their skills and progress may be measured, as assessed by objective standards of individual performance developed and applied without regard to sex.

Where use of a single standard of measuring skill or progress in a physical education class has an adverse effect on members of one sex, appropriate standards which do not have such effect shall be used.
B. Students in physical education classes and activities may be separated by sex during participation in wrestling, boxing, football, basketball, and other sports, the purpose or major activity of which involves bodily contact.

C. A pregnant student shall be excused from physical education and other school activities, including extracurricular activities, as recommended by the pregnant student’s physician.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for implementing and monitoring this regulation.

The Associate Superintendent for Student Learning and Accountability (or designee) is responsible for reviewing this regulation in 2011.