

Multiculturalism

The Board recognizes that our society is changing at a rapid pace. A multicultural society requires a positive environment that promotes respect for and better understanding of the diversity of people.

In accordance with this challenge the Board believes:

1. All students of diverse ethnic, racial, socioeconomic, religious and cultural backgrounds should be provided the opportunity to receive a quality education which will enable them to achieve their desired potential;
2. Multicultural education should promote intergroup knowledge and understanding and prepare academically and culturally informed students to function in a competitive global society;
3. Multicultural education should be promoted as a valuable resource to increase the state's awareness of diversity;
4. Multicultural education should help provide knowledge and better understanding of the various cultural heritages and, to the extent possible, will promote the appreciation and respect for diversity and acceptance of the differences.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 329.025](#)
[ORS 336.067](#)