NON-DISCRIMINATION

The District shall provide and maintain administrative complaint procedures that assure equal access to employment, services, classes, athletics, and programs without regard to actual, perceived or association with others’ ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, immigration status, color, genetic information, ancestry, sexual orientation, or physical or mental disability, pregnancy, or any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135 of the Government Code or any characteristic that is contained in the prohibition of hate crimes set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 422.6 of the Penal Code. In addition to these protected bases, the District additionally provides equal employment opportunities to all applicants and employees regardless of gender, medical condition, marital status or military and veteran status.

Education Programs
All courses, including noncredit classes, shall be conducted without regard to the gender of the student enrolled in the classes. As defined in the Penal Code, “gender” means sex, and includes a person’s gender identity and gender expression. “Gender expression” means a person’s gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person’s assigned sex at birth.

The District shall not prohibit any student from enrolling in any class or course on the basis of gender.

Academic staff, including but not limited to counselors, instructors and administrators shall not offer program guidance to students which differs on the basis of gender.

Insofar as practicable, the District shall offer opportunities for participation in athletics equally to male and female students.

Employment
All employment decisions, including but not limited to hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, evaluation, dismissal, compensation, layoff and advancement for all position classifications shall be based on job-related criteria and the District’s staffing needs.

It is also unlawful to discriminate against a person who serves in an unpaid internship or any other limited-duration program to provide unpaid work experience in the selection, termination, training, or other terms and treatment of that person on any the basis of their race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, immigration status, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status.

The District shall from time to time as necessary provide professional and staff development
Any person who desires to file a complaint based on discrimination, harassment or access should contact the District Compliance Officer, Director of Human Resources, by phone at (707) 468-3065 or in person at the District’s Human Resources Department, 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah, California, 95482. A complete copy of the District’s complaint procedure, Administrative Procedure 3435.1, can be found at the District’s Human Resources Department, Room 1160 in MacMillan Hall, and the Library, Room 4220 in the Library/Learning Center, both at the Ukiah Campus and on the District’s website at http://www.mendocino.edu.

References:  
**Nondiscrimination References for Education Programs:**
Education Code Sections 66250 et seq., 200 et seq., and 72010 et seq.;
Penal Code Sections 422.55 et seq.;
Title 5 Sections 59300 et seq.;
ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20 and ACCJC Accreditation Standard Catalog Requirements (*formerly II.B.2.c*)

**Nondiscrimination References for Employment:**
Education Code Sections 87100 et seq.;
Title 5 Sections 53000 et seq.;
Government Code Sections 11135 et seq. and 12940 et seq.;
Title 2 Sections 10500 et seq.;
Labor Code Section 1197.5