

LaVerne Elementary Preparatory Academy

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

LaVerne Elementary Preparatory Academy ("LEPA") is committed to providing a working and learning environment free from discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying. LEPA prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying based on the actual or perceived characteristics set forth in Penal Code § 422.5, Education Code § 220 and actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race or ethnicity, ethnic group identification, ancestry, nationality, national origin, religion, color, mental or physical disability, age, or on the basis of a person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, in any program or activity it conducts or to which it provides significant assistance.

Discrimination is different treatment on the basis of a protected category in the context of an educational program or activity without a legitimate nondiscriminatory reason and interferes with or limits the individual's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the LEPA.

Harassment occurs when: (1) the target is subjected to unwelcome conduct related to a protected category; (2) the harassment is both subjectively offensive to the target and would be offensive to a reasonable person of the same age and characteristics under the same circumstances; and (3) the harassment is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent so as to interfere with or limit an individual's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or opportunities offered by the LEPA.

Upon witnessing an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation and/or bullying based on actual or perceived characteristics of a protected category (as enumerated above), school personnel are required to take immediate steps to intervene when it is safe to do so. Once a school or office has notice of discriminatory, harassing, intimidating or bullying conduct, whether carried out by employees, scholars, or third parties, it should take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate or otherwise determine what occurred and take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the conduct, eliminate a hostile environment, if one has been created and prevent the conduct from occurring again. These steps should be taken whether or not an individual makes a complaint or asks the school or office to take action.

This nondiscrimination policy applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance within any school or office under the jurisdiction of LEPA.

For inquiries or complaints related to discrimination, harassment, intimidation and bullying of scholars based on the actual or perceived characteristics listed above, contact your school's administrator or the school's Title IX Complaint Manager:

NAME: Fernando Bedolla, Dean of Scholars
ADDRESS: 16955 Lemon St, Hesperia, CA 92345
PHONE: 760-956-7733
EMAIL: fernando.bedolla@lepacademy.com

For inquiries or complaints related to employee-to-employee, scholar-to-employee, or work/employment related discrimination, harassment, or intimidation, contact your school's CEO or the school's Title IX Complaint Manager:

NAME: Debra Tarver, CEO
ADDRESS: 9966 I Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345
PHONE: 760-948-4333
EMAIL: debbie.tarver@lepacademy.com