

# ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

Code:                    **ACB**  
Adopted:                12/14/20

## All Students Belong

The Ashland School District (ASD) is a learning community committed to achieving equity and success for each student. In upholding the district’s mission of empowering students to be lifelong learners, responsible citizens, and stewards of the world, the district expands its equity practices to be more inclusive of its diverse learning community.

All students are entitled to a high quality educational experience, free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, enrollment mobility, language, family structure, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, citizenship, initial proficiencies, religion, or national origin.

All employees are entitled to work in an environment that is free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, language, family structure, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, citizenship, initial proficiencies, religion, or national origin.

All visitors are entitled to participate in an environment that is free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, language, family structure, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, citizenship, initial proficiencies, religion, or national origin.

“Bias incident” means a person’s hostile expression of animus toward another person, relating to the other person’s perceived race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, enrollment mobility, language, family structure, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, citizenship, initial proficiencies, religion, or national origin, of which criminal investigation or prosecution is impossible or inappropriate. Bias incidents may include derogatory language or behavior directed at or about any of the preceding demographic groups.

“Symbol of hate” means a symbol, image, or object that expresses animus on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin including, the noose, Nazi swastika, or confederate flag<sup>1</sup>, and whose display:

1. Is reasonably likely to cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities; or
2. Is reasonably likely to interfere with the rights of students by denying them full access to the services, activities, and opportunities offered by a school.

The district prohibits the use or display of any symbols of hate on district property or in any district- or school-sponsored program, service, school or activity that is funded in whole or in part by monies

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<sup>1</sup> While commonly referred to as the “confederate flag,” the official name of the prohibited flag is the Battle Flag of the Armies of Northern Virginia.

appropriated by the Oregon Legislative Assembly, except where used in teaching curriculum that is aligned to the Oregon State Standards.

In responding to the use of any symbols of hate, the district will use non-disciplinary remedial action whenever appropriate.

The district prohibits retaliation against an individual because that person has filed a charge, testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, proceeding or hearing; and further prohibits anyone from coercing, intimidating, threatening or interfering with an individual for exercising any rights guaranteed under state and federal law.

Nothing in this policy is intended to interfere with the lawful use of district facilities pursuant to a lease or license.

The district will use administrative regulation ACB-AR - Bias Incident Complaint Procedure to process reports or complaints of bias incidents.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 659.850](#)  
[ORS 659.852](#)

[OAR 581-002-0005](#)  
[OAR 581-022-2312](#)

[OAR 581-022-2370](#)

*Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist.*, 393 U.S. 503 (1969).  
*Dariano v. Morgan Hill Unified Sch. Dist.*, 767 F.3d 764 (9th Cir. 2014).  
*State v. Robertson*, 293 Or. 402 (1982).