

## **The Catamount School Policy 1730**

### **NONDISCRIMINATION**

#### **ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITIES**

*Policy Code:*

**1730**

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The Catamount School (TCS) will not discriminate against qualified persons with disabilities on the basis of a disability. This non-discrimination policy includes, but is not limited to, benefits of and participation in system programs and activities. TCS will provide aids, benefits, and school services to a person with disabilities in the most integrated school setting appropriate to his or her needs so that he or she may have an opportunity commensurate to that provided to persons without disabilities to obtain the same results, gain the same benefit, or reach the same level of achievement.

The Dean of the WCU College of Education and Allied Professions is directed to develop appropriate procedures to implement this nondiscrimination policy. The superintendent or designee shall:

1. submit an assurance of nondiscrimination with each application for federal financial assistance;
2. designate a person to coordinate TCS's efforts to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504") and its regulations;
3. designate a person to coordinate TCS's efforts to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and its regulations;
4. publish the name, office address and phone number of the compliance coordinator(s) in a manner intended to ensure that employees, applicants, students, parents, and other individuals who participate in TCS's programs are aware of the coordinator(s);
5. make complaint procedures available as provided in policy 1720/4015/7225, Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure, which provides opportunities for prompt and equitable resolutions to complaints alleging actions prohibited by Section 504 or ADA or regulations for these statutes;
6. provide notice that TCS does not discriminate on the basis of disability in violation of Section 504, the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), or the ADA, or their implementing regulations, and make such notice accessible to employees, applicants,

students, and parents;

7. make reasonable accommodations for qualifying applicants or employees with disabilities; however, a reasonable accommodation does not include an accommodation that demonstrably would impose an undue hardship on the program or would fundamentally alter the nature of the service, program or activity;
8. not inquire about any disabilities that may need accommodation until after an applicant has been made an offer and, additionally, avoid using employment tests or other selection criteria that tend to screen out persons with disabilities unless the criteria are demonstrably job-related and effective alternatives are not available;
9. provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified student with disabilities in accordance with Section 504 and its regulations; and
10. establish and implement a system of procedural safeguards with respect to the identification, evaluation or educational placement of a student with disabilities under Section 504 which includes an opportunity for the student's parent or guardian to examine relevant records, an impartial hearing with the opportunity for participation by the parent or guardian and representation by counsel, and a review procedure.

Legal References: Americans with Disabilities Act, [42 U.S.C. 12101](#) *et seq.*, [28 C.F.R. pt. 35](#); Rehabilitation Act of 1973, [29 U.S.C. 705\(20\)](#), [794](#), [34 C.F.R. pt. 104](#); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, [20 U.S.C. 1400](#) *et seq.*, [34 C.F.R. pt. 300](#).

Cross References: Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying (policy 1710/4021/7230), Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Complaint Procedure (policy 1720/4015/7225)

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