

Article 1 – Mission and Goals

Section 1 School Mission Statement:

Welcome to Sutton Public Schools. The Board of Education, administration and staff are committed to providing an environment where every child can grow and learn in a positive environment.

Mission Statement: *Sutton Public Schools and You – Teaming Up to Educate Our Youth For Future Success.*

Vision Statement: *Teachers, Students, Parents, Community – building the foundation of our future by creating an environment where students are provided the skills needed to become life long learners.*

Section 2 Goals and Objectives:

The goals and objective of the Sutton Public Schools are to provide:

1. A curriculum broad enough, yet with sufficient depth, to allow education for all of the students;
2. Exploration of new and better means of education;
3. Effectiveness in all phases of the curriculum;
4. Ways and means to encourage professionalism among its staff members;
5. A total program, academic and extra-curricular activities, which will contribute to the life-long cultural, social, and leadership qualities of the student;
6. The means whereby the community can make use of its facilities;
7. A means to communicate with the public so as a better understanding of the schools and its needs exist;
8. A staff necessary to fulfill the above objectives; and,
9. Facilities necessary for the above objectives.

Section 3 Mutual Respect:

The Sutton Public School District expects every staff member and student to be treated with respect and dignity. A show of disrespect toward a staff member or insubordination on the part of the student will not be tolerated.

Section 4 Multicultural Policy

Multicultural education is the identification, selection and infusion of specific knowledge, skills and attitudes for the purpose of:

- affirming the culture, history and contributions that shall include but not be limited to African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans;
- challenging and eliminating racism, prejudice, bigotry, discrimination and stereotyping based on race;
- valuing multiple cultural perspectives; and
- providing all students with opportunities to “see themselves” in the educational environment in positive ways and on a continuing basis.

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To promote and support multicultural education within Sutton Public Schools it shall be the policy and practice of this district to create opportunities for all students to achieve academically and socially in an educational environment in which all students and staff understand and respect the racial and cultural diversity and interdependence of members of our society.

Section 5 Complaint Procedures:

The proper procedures for a parent or student to make complaints or raise concerns about school staff or the school programs or activities are set forth below. Other procedures exist to address discrimination or harassment, the bullying of students, and to challenge disciplinary actions, and such other procedures should be used to address those types of concerns.

1. Complaint procedure:

- Step 1. Have a scheduled conference with the staff person involved in the complaint matter.
- Step 2. Appeal to the Principal if the matter is not resolved at Step 1.
- Step 3. Appeal to the Superintendent if the matter is still unresolved at Step 2.
- Step 4. Appeal to the Board of Education if the matter is still unresolved at Step 3. Written appeal should be made within five (5) days of the Superintendent's decision.

2. Conditions Applicable to All Levels of Complaint Procedure:

All information to be considered at each appeal step should be placed in writing in order to be most effective. Appeal decisions shall be expedited as quickly as possible. A decision at any level should be rendered within ten (10) calendar days, unless a legal hearing is requested or required.