



Board Policy
Chapter 7 – Human Resources

BP 7100 COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY

The Santa Monica Community College District is committed to building an inclusive and diverse environment and maintains a comprehensive program to ensure that practice reflects these principles. Diversity within the college environment provides opportunity to foster mutual awareness, knowledge, and sensitivity, to challenge ingrained stereotypes, and to promote mutual understanding and respect. The District is committed to a work and learning environment conducive to open discussion and the free exchange of ideas. Global awareness and exploring the diversity of the local communities served by the college are both important components of the College's commitment to diversity. Embodying, promoting and celebrating diversity inspires innovative ideas, practical solutions, and team-building in achieving the District's goal of professional and educational excellence.

The District is committed to employing qualified administrators, faculty, and staff members who are dedicated to student success. The Board of Trustees recognizes that diversity in the academic environment fosters cultural awareness, promotes mutual understanding and respect, and provides suitable role models for all students. The Board is committed to hiring and staff development processes that support the goals of equal opportunity and diversity, and provide equal consideration for all qualified candidates.

Also see BP/AR 3410 Nondiscrimination and BP/AR 3420 Equal Employment Opportunity

References: Education Code Sections 87100 et seq.;
Title 5 Sections 53000 et seq.

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