

**SYNOPSIS OF FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS
AND DISTRICT COORDINATOR INFORMATION
NAUSET PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Synopsis of Laws**

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Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

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Prohibits discrimination, exclusion from participation, and denial of benefits based on race, color or national origin in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. Title VI is codified at 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.; regulations have been promulgated under it in the Code of Federal Regulations at 34 CFR Part 100 (available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr100.html>).

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972

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Prohibits discrimination, exclusion from participation, and denial of benefits based on sex in educational programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Title IX is codified at 20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.; regulations have been promulgated under it at 34 CFR Part 106 (available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr106.html>).

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

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Prohibits discrimination, exclusion from participation, and denial of benefits based on disability in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 is codified at 29 U.S.C. 794; regulations have been promulgated under it at 34 CFR Part 104 (available at <http://www.ed.gov/policy/rights/reg/ocr/edlite-34cfr104.html>).

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

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The regulations implementing the ADA provide that: "A public entity that employs 50 or more persons shall designate at least one employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with and carry out its responsibilities under this part, including any investigation of any complaint communicated to it alleging its noncompliance with this part or alleging any actions that would be prohibited by this part. The public entity must make available to all interested individuals the name, office address, and telephone number of the employee or employees designated pursuant to this paragraph." (34 CFR 35.107(a))

Equal Educational Opportunities Act of 1974

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This federal statute prohibits states from denying equal educational opportunities to an individual based on certain protected classifications including national origin. It specifically prohibits denying equal educational opportunities by failing to take appropriate action to overcome language barriers that impede equal participation by its students in its instructional programs (20 USC S1203(f))

Mass. General Laws CH.76, S5 (also known as Chapter 622)

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This state law provided that "no person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation."

Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965

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Title I is designed to help disadvantaged children meet challenging content and student performance standards. Staff should know that special education students are not deemed ineligible for Title I services simply because they receive special education services. Also school districts must ensure that Title I funds are not being misused (e.g. referring a limited English proficient student to a Title I program in order to meet the student's language needs rather than providing an ESL program/class).

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71B

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Governs the education of children with special needs. Section 6 relates to the assignment of children to special education classes. Regulations have been promulgated under c. 71B at 603 CMR 28.00.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

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The goal of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youths.

State and federal laws prohibit discrimination in education. In the Nauset Public Schools, we do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, homelessness, active military/veteran status, ancestry, or national or ethnic origin with regard to admission and in the administration of its educational policies, employment policies, and other administered programs and activities.