

Lawrence Public Schools emphasize equity in education by fostering a climate that responds to student, district staff, and community needs, and furthers the principles of equity in education through understanding and appreciating diversity.

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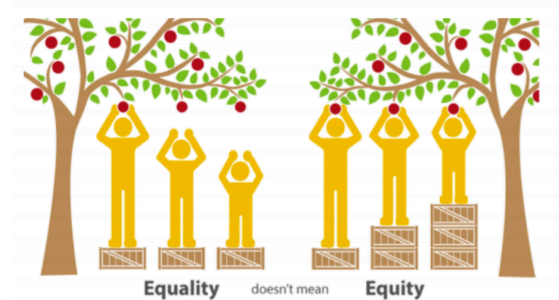
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Equity Advisory Council

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Equity in Education

Mission Statement

The Equity Advisory Council of the Lawrence Public Schools seeks to support district staff and bring together the USD 497 community in order to provide a learning climate of high expectations for all students.

What is equity in education?

Equity in education means all students are provided the opportunities, resources, and expectations to achieve at their highest levels; and to graduate prepared for success in college, vocational training, or the work force, and thus have a successful life in a diverse and rapidly changing world.

What is the Equity Advisory Council?

The Equity Advisory Council serves in an advisory capacity to provide feedback and make recommendations to the Board of Education as work progresses on district goals, in order to eliminate disparities and ensure that all students achieve, succeed and graduate.

The Equity Advisory Council includes school board members, district staff, students, parents and community representatives.

The Equity Advisory Council will review concerns of students, district staff, and community members regarding equity in the Lawrence Public Schools.

Monitor the academic achievement of all students in the Lawrence Public Schools.

- Review the equity audit data and make recommendations to improve the achievement, opportunity and quality of education in the district.
- Review and make recommendations related to curriculum materials through the use of the Lawrence Public Schools Culturally Relevant Materials Rubric and best practices or approved curriculum standards.
- Review the Lawrence History curriculum and locations visited to recommend materials and activities that include the history of all Lawrence communities, particularly people of color; and to recommend classroom resources that provide multiple perspectives.

Monitor the socio-emotional and behavioral support systems in the Lawrence Public Schools.

- Review the equity audit data and make recommendations to improve the achievement, opportunity and quality of support provided to all students in the district.
- Review and make recommendations related to disciplinary procedures (e.g., In School Suspension, Out of School Suspension, etc.).
- Review the Memorandum of Understanding between the Lawrence Police Department and the Lawrence Public Schools and make recommendations regarding the roles and responsibilities of School Resource Officers.

Review all policies related to equity in the Lawrence Public Schools.

Provide feedback and recommendations on district policies related to equity.