

Portland Public School District 1st Reading

DATE OF FIRST READING: March 07, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR **Policy 6.20.043-P:** **Military Recruitment Policy**

The Portland Public School District is providing Notice of Proposed Revised Policy and Public Comment to offer interested parties reasonable opportunity to submit data or comments on the proposed policies noted below.

Public comment may be submitted in writing directly to the district or through the district website noted below. Written comments must be submitted by 5:00pm on the Last Date for Comment listed below.

Open for Comment until at least:
March 28, 2023

Summary: Military Recruitment Policy 6.20.043-P

1st Reading by: Director Eilidh Lowery
Portland Public School Board, Policy Committee Chair

Recommended for a 1st Reading by:
Portland Public Schools Board of Education
Policy Committee

Draft Policy Web Site: <http://www.pps.net/draftpolicies>

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Draft Policy Comment Form: <https://forms.gle/VqYbmVA36qqADj6n6>

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Date: Feb 20, 2023
To: School Board
From: Liz Large, Contracted General Counsel
Subject: Military Recruitment Policy Amendments–6.20.043-P

BACKGROUND

In 2001, the PPS Board of Education adopted the Military Recruitment Policy–6.20.043-P, and it has not been amended since that adoption. On February 16, 2023, the PPS Policy Committee considered amendments to the policy as reflected in the attached redlined policy. The amendments are designed to (1) update the policy to no longer require any District employee discussing military recruitment to “advise the student about the military’s policy regarding sexual minorities,” understanding that those policies and practices have changed significantly since 2001 and that not all District employees may have accurate information about such policies and (2) make the document a free-standing policy, the interpretation of which is not tied to a Board resolution passed many years ago.

RELATED POLICIES/BEST PRACTICES

It is important to keep PPS policies in line with current and best practices.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

The Policy Committee received no public comments at the February 16, 2023, meeting. The policy amendments will be open for public comment for at least 21 days.

TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION

To be implemented upon adoption by the Board of Education.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

To adopt the proposed amendments.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Redlined Military Recruitment Policy 6.20.043-P

6.20.043-P Military Recruitment

- (1) The District does not prohibit a teacher, counselor or administrator in the district, at his or her professional discretion, from providing information to a student about career and educational opportunities in the military, or from referring a student to a recruitment office.
- (2) Schools will provide, at students' requests, transcripts, records and references to military offices and institutions to facilitate military scholarships and appointments or enlistment for military service.

Legal References:

History: Adpt 5/21/01, BA 1877, amd ___ /23

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- ~~(3) Any district employee providing information or referral under sections (1) or (2) above or responding to other inquiries regarding military enlistment will advise the student about the military's policy regarding sexual minorities.~~
- ~~(4) Administrative directive 6.20.041 reflects appropriate administration of the resolution adopted by the Board in all other respects.~~

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