

Draft Equity and Achievement Gap Policy

Lowell Public Schools is strongly committed to maintaining high expectations for all students and ensuring that every student has access to a high quality education that prepares her or him to become a productive and successful member of society. Lowell Public Schools is resolved to eliminating disparities in achievement, opportunity and performance gaps among our diverse populations, enabling every child to reach her or his greatest potential by achieving college and/or career success. Therefore, all district and school policies and practices will reflect our fundamental commitments to eliminate the racial, ethnic and linguistic achievement and opportunity gaps among all students; provide equitable funding and resources among the district's diverse schools; and engage all families with courtesy, dignity, respect and cultural understanding.

Furthermore, Lowell Public Schools commits to making intentional efforts to improve academics and student achievement at every school site, improve operational efficiency across the system, ensure that every school is safe and welcoming to every student and every family, every day, and increase community engagement and empower families as partners in the educational process.

It is expected that district and the entire school community will meaningfully engage students and families. The district acknowledges that sustainable school improvement requires hard and steady work over time and will require the collaborative effort of the entire community to put every child on a path to college and career success.