

Employment Disabilities

1. Purpose of Policy

The District recognizes that the preceding sections of its personnel policies relating to fair employment practices encompass its commitment to fair and equitable treatment of all employees and applicants, including those with disabilities. The District also recognizes that there are particular issues relating to individuals with disabilities that must be individually addressed. The District acknowledges its responsibility to ensure that individuals in the workplace can efficiently and safely perform the essential functions of their jobs without posing a direct threat to themselves and others.

2. Policy

It is the District's policy to comply proactively with the applicable employment provisions of disability laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended. The District does not tolerate discrimination against any qualified individual with a disability in regard to any terms, conditions, or privileges of employment and prohibits any type of harassment or discrimination based on the physical or mental disability, history of disability, or perceived disability of an individual holding or seeking employment with the District.

The District is committed to provide *reasonable* accommodation wherever the need for such is known to the District or when the applicant or employee indicates a need for *reasonable* accommodation, provided that the individual is otherwise qualified to perform the essential functions of the assigned job and the employee's performance of the assigned job duties does not pose an obvious threat to the safety of him/herself or others.