

**WAC 162-28-030 Schools are places of public accommodation. (1)**

All public and private schools and other educational facilities in the state of Washington, except those operated or maintained by a bona fide religious or sectarian institution, are "places of public resort, accommodation, assemblage or amusement" for purposes of the Washington state law against discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW.

(2) Definition: In this chapter, the following words are used in the meaning given, unless the context clearly indicates another meaning.

"Protected status" is short for the phrase, "race, creed, color, national origin, sex, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a disabled person," and means the full phrase (see RCW 49.60.215).

(3) Except for conditions and limitations established by law and applicable to all persons, regardless of protected status, it is an unfair practice under RCW 49.60.215 for public and private schools or educational facilities or their agents or employees, on the basis of protected status, to:

(a) Commit any act which directly or indirectly results in any distinction, restriction or discrimination;

(b) Require any person to pay a larger sum than the uniform rates charged other persons;

(c) Refuse or withhold from any person the admission, patronage, custom, presence, frequenting, dwelling, staying, or lodging in a place of public accommodation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 49.60.120(3). WSR 00-01-177, § 162-28-030, filed 12/21/99, effective 1/21/00; Order 17, § 162-28-030, filed 6/28/74.]