



**national association
to advance
fat acceptance**

**We Come In All Sizes....
Understand It.
Support It.
Accept It.**

EDUCATION DISCRIMINATION

NAAFA'S OFFICIAL POSITION:

The National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance demands that every student, regardless of size, receive a quality education in an environment which is free from policies and practices that perpetuate fat discrimination.

NAAFA ADVOCATES:

- That educational systems develop equal opportunity policies which include provisions which protect fat students from discrimination.
- That schools provide adequate physical accommodations for fat students.
- That textbook publishers create educational materials which include fat-positive role models and discontinue negative, stereotypical portrayal of fat people.
- That educators review and select educational materials that are free of size bias.
- That school physical education programs and instructors cease humiliating fat students and instead promote health and participation at every size.
- That school administrations provide educators with information to assist them in identifying and dispelling prejudices against people, regardless of size.
- That licensing bodies mandate that educators and school counselors receive sensitivity training which includes size acceptance prior to certification, re-certification, or licensing.

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- That teachers and school boards examine their own internal prejudices against fat children, attempt to objectively evaluate and grade students regardless of size, and provide equal access to school activities for all students.
- That teachers and school counselors promote acceptance of size diversity among students.
- That parents (especially those with fat children) carefully monitor the school system for possible size bias and fight for equal access of opportunity for all children.
- That college admissions boards take into consideration personal prejudice involved in teacher recommendations of fat applicants, examine current admissions procedures and eliminate bias against fat students.

NAAFA RESOLVES TO:

- Provide educators, parents, students, and the public with information related to size discrimination and size acceptance in the education system.
- Investigate and report incidents of negative treatment and/or portrayal of fat people in educational materials, policies and practices.
- Provide people who face education discrimination with information, emotional support and advice and provide them with referrals to expert witnesses who might testify on their behalf.