## **POLICY:** NONDISCRIMINATION Deleted: POLICY J PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY Deleted: ¶ www.jpaultayloracademy.org Original Adoption date: January 15, 2020 Formatted: Highlight I. PURPOSE To establish an environment free from discrimination at J. Paul Taylor Academy (JPTA) A. JPTA prohibits discrimination against any student, school employee, school volunteer, or affiliated person on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, physical or mental disability or serious medical condition, sexual orientation, sex, or gender identity (referred to herein as "protected characteristics"), or because of a student's use of protective hairstyles or cultural or religious headdresses, or any other state or federally Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.8", No bullets or numbering protected class, on school premises, at any school-sponsored activities, or during any schoolsupplied transportation. III. DEFINITION A. Discrimination: treating someone differently because they have a protected characteristic(s) Deleted: and such treatment results in denial or granting of a privilege or right that they would otherwise receive or not receive but for their being an individual with a protected characteristic(s). Legal References: 20 U.S.C 1400 et seq., 20 U.S.C. 1681, 20 U.S.C 1703, 29 U.S.C 794, 42 U.S.C. 2000, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq., 28-1-2 NMSA et seq., NMSA 1978 §22-8B-4(U).