

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY MANUAL

SECTION: **4000**
CATEGORY: **Personnel – Certified and
Non-Certified**
POLICY CODE: **4118.16/Domestic Violence**

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Policy Statement

According to the United States Department of Justice, “domestic violence” includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws. The Trumbull Board of Education recognizes that domestic violence is both a violation of human rights and an obstacle to learning.

The Board will not tolerate domestic violence of any kind in or around District offices, facilities, classrooms, work sites, or vehicles, or while a student or employee is engaged in District business of activities. This includes the display of any violent or threatening behavior that may result in physical or emotional injury or otherwise place at risk the safety and productivity of District students and/or personnel.

The District will provide information concerning services and resources available to victims of domestic violence. The information shall include, but not be limited to:

1. referrals available to counseling and supportive services, including, but not limited to, the Safe at Home program administered by the Office of the Secretary of the State, shelter services, medical services, domestic abuse hotlines, legal counseling and advocacy, mental health care, and financial assistance; and
- (2) procedures to voluntarily and confidentially identify eligibility for referrals to such counseling and supportive services.

The District shall provide such information to any student or parent/guardian of a student who expresses to an employee that such student or parent/guardian does not feel safe at home due to domestic violence, as well as to any parent/guardian of a student who authorizes the transfer of such student’s educational records to another school.

Adopted: 1/14/2020

References

- Connecticut General Statutes §10-222d
- Connecticut Public Act 19-146, “An Act Requiring the Provision of Information Concerning Domestic Violence Services and Resources to Students, Parents, and Guardians”
- Trumbull Board of Education Policy Code 4118.112: Sexual Harassment
- Trumbull Board of Education Policy Code 5131: Student Standard of Conduct
- Trumbull Board of Education Policy Code 5141.4: Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault