

Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Section A - Introduction

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is prohibited. For purposes of this policy, the term teen dating violence occurs whenever a student uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control an individual in the dating relationship; or uses or threatens to use sexual violence in the dating relationship.

Section B - Definitions

"Dating" or "dating relationship" means an ongoing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature between two persons. "Dating" or "dating relationship" does not include a casual relationship or ordinary fraternization between two persons in a business or social context.

"Teen dating violence" means either of the following:

1. A pattern of behavior in which a person uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control another person who is in a dating relationship with the person.
2. Behavior by which a person uses or threatens to use sexual violence against another person who is in a dating relationship with the person.

Section C - Program

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program to respond to incidents of teen dating violence that:

1. Encourages anyone with information about incidents of teen dating violence to report them to any of the following individuals:
 - a. Any school staff member. School staff shall respond to incidents of teen dating violence by following the District's established procedures for the prevention, identification, investigation, and response to bullying and school violence in accordance with the 2:260 Policy - Uniform Grievance
 - b. Building Principal, Associate or Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Coordinator identified on the district website.
2. Incorporates age-appropriate instruction in grades 9 through 12, in accordance with the district's comprehensive health education program. This includes incorporating student social and emotional development into the District's educational program as required by State law and in alignment with Board policy 7:250: Student Social and Emotional Development.
3. Incorporates education for school staff, as recommended by the Building Principal, Associate or Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Coordinator.
4. Notifies students and parents/guardians of this policy.

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