

5145.511/Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program

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Policy Statement

The Trumbull Public Schools shall implement the Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Program identified or developed, in compliance with Connecticut Public Act 14-196, by the Department of Children and Families, in collaboration with the Department of Education and other assisting entities, with the goal of informing students and staff about child sexual abuse and assault awareness and available resources. The program shall include:

1. Providing teachers instructional modules that may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Training regarding the prevention and identification of, and response to, child sexual abuse and assault; and
 - b. Bystander and appropriate interaction with children training programs, and
 - c. Resources to further student, teacher, and parental awareness regarding child sexual abuse and the prevention of such abuse and assault.
2. Providing students age-appropriate educational materials designed for children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, regarding child sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention that may include, but not be limited to:
 - a. The skills to recognize:
 - i. Child sexual abuse and assault;
 - ii. Boundary violations and unwanted forms of touching and contact; and
 - iii. Ways offenders groom or desensitize victims;
 - b. Strategies to promote disclosure, reduce self-blame and mobilize bystanders;
 - c. Actions that child victims of sexual abuse and assault may take to obtain assistance;
 - d. Intervention and counseling options for child victims of sexual abuse and assault;
 - e. Access to educational resources to enable child victims of sexual abuse and assault to succeed in school; and
 - f. Uniform procedures for reporting instances of child sexual abuse and assault to school staff members.

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A student shall be excused from participating in the sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program offered in the District, in its entirety or any part thereof, by written notification by the student's parent or legal guardian to the Assistant Superintendent, who shall notify the appropriate school principal.

Any student exempted from the sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program shall be provided, during the period of time in which the student would otherwise be participating in such program, an opportunity for other study or academic work.

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References

- Connecticut Public Act 14-196, "An Act Concerning a State-Wide Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness Program"
- Trumbull Board of Education Policy Code 5141.4: Reporting of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Sexual Assault
- Connecticut Public Act 22-87, "An Act Concerning the Identification and Prevention of the Response to Adult Sexual Misconduct Against Children."