



Book	HIGLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD POLICIES
Section	SECTION A - FOUNDATIONS AND BASIC COMMITMENTS
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ACA © SEXUAL HARASSMENT

All individuals associated with this District, including, but not necessarily limited to, the Governing Board, the administration, the staff, and students, are expected to conduct themselves at all times so as to provide an atmosphere free from sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment against a District employee is a form of sex discrimination that violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission defines "Sexual harassment" as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- Submission to such conduct is either explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of an individual's employment; or
- Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for employment decisions affecting such individual; or
- Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's work performance, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- Suggestive or obscene letters, notes, invitations, derogatory comments, slurs, jokes, epithets, assault, touching, impeding or blocking movement, leering, gestures, or display of sexually suggestive objects, pictures, or cartoons.
- Continuing to express sexual interest after being informed that the interest is unwelcome. (Reciprocal attraction between peers is not considered sexual harassment.)
- Implying or withholding support for an appointment, promotion, or change of assignment; suggesting that a poor performance report will be prepared; suggesting that probation will be failed.
- Coercive sexual behavior used to control, influence, or affect the career, salary, and/or work environment of another employee.

- Offering or granting favors or employment benefits, such as promotions, favorable performance evaluations, favorable assignments, favorable duties or shifts, recommendations, reclassifications, etc., in exchange for sexual favors.

Anyone who is subject to sexual harassment, or who knows of the occurrence of such conduct, is strongly encouraged to inform the compliance officer, as provided in ACA-R.

A substantiated charge against a staff member in the District shall subject such staff member to disciplinary action.

All matters involving sexual harassment complaints will remain confidential to the extent possible.

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LEGAL REF.: A.R.S.

[41-1461](#) *et seq.*

20 U.S.C. 1681, Education Amendments of 1972, Title IX

20 U.S.C. 1703, Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972

42 U.S.C. 2000, Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Title VII

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