

UNLAWFUL HARASSMENT AND BULLYING

The Patchogue-Medford school District does not tolerate unlawful harassment or bullying as such actions are disruptive to the educational environment and detrimental to the health and safety of the school community. Unlawful harassment and bullying is strictly prohibited in the school buildings, on the property of the Patchogue-Medford School District, and on buses owned or contracted for by the Patchogue-Medford School District. It is prohibited, as well, at all events, athletic contests, and activities sponsored by the Patchogue-Medford School District which occur both on and off of Patchogue-Medford School District premises. Complaints regarding allegations of unlawful bullying and harassment should be addressed under the appropriate policies as listed below:

- Complaints under the Dignity for All Student Act are addressed in Policy 5170, Student Harassment & Bullying Prevention and Intervention.
- Complaints by students and staff under Title IX are addressed in Policy 2452, Sexual Harassment.
- Complaints of sexual harassment or discrimination are addressed by Policy 2452, Sexual Harassment Regulation.
- Complaints regarding Section 504/the Americans with Disabilities Act are addressed in Policy 5137, Students with Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504.
- Complaints by students and employees regarding nondiscrimination are addressed by Policy 2451, Nondiscrimination in Education Programs and Activities.
- Complaints of discrimination on the basis of protected classes are covered by Policy 2451, Nondiscrimination in Education Programs and Activities.

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