# ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES at SCHOOL

# and DISTRICT POLICY 102

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## WHAT IS HARASSMENT?

- THREATENING or
- HARASSING or
- > INTIMIDATING or
- PHYSICALLY ASSAULTING or
- USING DEROGATORY LANGUAGE or
- TEASING OR TAUNTING another student

BECAUSE OF his or her race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

#### HARASSMENT IS PROHIBITED

The School District prohibits all forms of unlawful harassment of students and third parties, by all district students and staff members, in the schools.

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Students are prohibited from harassing other students on school grounds, school buses, when going back and forth from school and at all school sponsored activities, programs and events.

#### **EXAMPLES OF HARASSMENT**

Threatening ,harassing, intimidating or physically assaulting another student
 Using derogatory language
 Teasing or taunting another student because of his or her race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

#### EXAMPLES OF HARASSMENT (cont)

- Graffiti containing offensive language which is derogatory to others
- Derogatory jokes or name-calling or slurs directed at others
- Written or graphic material containing comments or stereotypes which are either posted, circulated or are written or printed on clothing
- Which is derogatory to others because of their race, color, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.

#### EXAMPLES OF HARASSMENT (cont)

Intentional bumping, shoving, pushing and fighting can be harassment if it is done because of another's student's race, color, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

#### EXAMPLES OF HARASSMENT (cont)

A student is being harassed by another student, or by several other students, if the intent is to harass, alarm, or annoy him or her because of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

Students or parents/guardians of students who have been harassed or who witness harassment should immediately report such incidents to the school principal or \_\_\_\_\_, or to any other member of the school staff, including teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and administrators.

A school employee who witnesses, suspects or is notified that a student has been harassed shall immediately report the incident to the building principal or \_\_\_\_\_.

- Students who believe that they have been the victim of discriminatory behavior by another student, and all students with knowledge of such behavior, are encouraged to report it immediately to school staff.
- Complaints of harassment can be submitted in writing or orally to \_\_\_\_\_, or to any other staff.
- Complaints should be reported as soon as possible after the incident(s) in order to be effectively investigated and resolved.

In addition to \_\_\_\_\_, students may also report incidents to any staff member including, but not limited to, teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, and administrators.

If a staff member witnesses, suspects or is notified that a student has been harassed, that staff member shall immediately report the incident to the building principal or \_\_\_\_\_.

- Staff shall use available interpretation services at \_\_\_\_\_\_to assist students who are unable to communicate in English to communicate their complaints in a language the student understands.
- Students may also submit written complaints in any language.

#### **STAFF RESPONSIBILITY**

# Staff must take appropriate action to intervene to stop such behavior unless circumstances make such intervention dangerous.

## INVESTIGATION

- will investigate every reported incident of reported harassment promptly.
- If you are a victim, you will be asked to state what happened to you.
- If you need an interpreter one will be provided.

#### **INVESTIGATION (cont)**

Staff may be asked to assist in the investigation by providing witness statements.

#### **INVESTIGATION (cont)**

### The incident will be fully investigated even if you cannot identify the harasser.

#### RESPONSE

- Students who bully or harass other students will be subject to discipline pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct.
- Victims will be offered guidance counseling services.
- If requested, victims and their parents will meet with the Principal or his designee.
- Peer mediation services may be appropriate.

## RETALIATION is prohibited

Retaliation is adverse action against either a student or staff member because they reported or participated in an investigation of an alleged incident of discrimination or harassment on the basis of race, color, or national origin. Retaliation against a student, teacher or school employee is prohibited and will be subject to appropriate discipline.



#### **DOYOU KNOW THE ANSWER?**

#### WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF HARASSMENT?

#### **ANSWER:**

- > Threatening ,harassing, intimidating or physically assaulting another student
- > Using racial slurs
- > Teasing or taunting
- Intentionally pushing, shoving or bumping because of a student's race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability.

#### **DOYOU KNOW THE ANSWER?**

## ARE STUDENTS PERMITTED TO HARASS OTHER STUDENTS ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL?

#### **ANSWER:**

## NO!

Students are prohibited from harassing other students on school grounds, school buses, when going back and forth from school and at all school sponsored activities, programs and events.

#### **DOYOU KNOW THE ANSWER?**

## IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF HARASSMENT, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

#### **ANSWER:**

## YOU SHOULD **REPORT** ANY INCIDENT OF HARASSMENT TO

## OR TO ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL STAFF!!

#### **DOYOU KNOW THE ANSWER?**

#### IF I CAN'T FIND \_\_\_\_\_OR PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_, WHO SHOULD I TELL ABOUT AN INCIDENT OF HARASSMENT?

#### **ANSWER:**

#### YOU CAN REPORT AN INCIDENT OF HARASSMENT TO ANY MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL STAFF

A TEACHER
A COACH
A COUNSELOR
SCHOOL POLICE

#### **DOYOU KNOW THE ANSWER?**

## IF I CANNOT IDENTIFY THE PERSON WHO HARASSED ME, SHOULD I STILL REPORT IT TO A STAFF MEMBER?

#### **ANSWER:**

# **YES!!** ALL INCIDENTS OF HARASSMENT MUST BE REPORTED AND THEY WILL BE INVESTIGATED!

#### **SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY 102**

#### School District Policy 102 is entitled:

## MULTIRACIAL-MULTICULTURAL-GENDER EDUCATION

The policy of the School District is to foster knowledge about and respect for those of all races, ethnic groups, social classes, homelessness, genders, religions, disabilities, sexual orientations (perceived or known) and gender identities (perceived or known).

**RESPECT** and UNDERSTANDING for all members of the school community, no matter what their background.

## MAKING A COMPLAINT:

IF YOU FEEL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN HARASSED OR DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY, YOU SHOULD REPORT IT TO PRINCIPAL \_\_\_\_\_\_ OR TO

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#### IF PRINCIPAL OR IS NOT AVAILABLE, YOU CAN MAKE THE COMPLAINT TO ANY MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL STAFF.

Any complaint made under Policy 102 will be investigated and appropriate action will be taken, including discipline pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct.