

Students**General**

Sexual harassment will not be tolerated among students of the school district, and any form of sexual harassment is forbidden whether by students, supervisory or non-supervisory personnel, individuals under contract, or volunteers in the schools. Students shall exhibit conduct which is respectful and courteous to employees, to fellow students, and to the public.

Definition

Sexual harassment is any unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, whether verbal or physical, including, but not limited to:

1. Insulting or degrading sexual remarks or conduct;
2. Threats or suggestions that a student's submission to, or rejection of, unwelcome conduct will in any way influence a decision regarding that student;
3. Conduct of a sexual nature which substantially interferes with the student's learning or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive learning environment – such as the display in the educational setting of sexually suggestive objects or pictures.

Complaints Procedures

The Board of Education encourages victims of sexual harassment to report such claims promptly to the Superintendent of Schools or designee. Complaints shall be investigated promptly and corrective action taken when allegations are verified. Confidentiality shall be maintained and no reprisals or retaliation shall occur as a result of good faith charges of sexual harassment.

The district shall provide staff development for district administrators and other staff and annually shall distribute this policy to staff and students.

Legal References: Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VII, 42 U.S.C. S2000-e2(a)
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Policy Guidance (N-915.035)
on Current Issues of Sexual Harassment, Effective 10/15/88
Meritor Savings Bank, FSB v. Vinson 477 US.57 (1986)
29 CFR Para. 1604.11 (EEOC)
Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, No. 97-282 (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
Burlington Industries, Inc. v. Ellerth, No. 97569 (U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
Gebbs v. Lago Vista Indiana School District, No. 99-1866
(U.S. Supreme Court, June 26, 1998)
Connecticut General Statutes:
46a-60 Discriminatory employment practices prohibited

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