

Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and is prohibited in the District. An employee, District agent, or student engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes unwelcome advances; requests sexual favors; or engages in other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that:

1. Denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, opportunities, or treatment, or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status; or
2. Has the purpose or effect of:
 - A. Substantially interfering with the student's educational environment;
 - B. Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment;
 - C. Depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, opportunities or treatment; or
 - D. Making submission to or rejection of such unwelcome conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct which has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, unwelcome touching; crude jokes or pictures; discussions of sexual experiences; pressure for sexual activity; intimidation by words, actions, insults, or name calling; teasing related to sexual characteristics; and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities.

Students who believe that they may have been sexually harassed or intimidated should contact a counselor, teacher, Title IX coordinator, or building principal who will assist them in the complaint process, per Policy 3085 and Procedure 3085P. Supervisors or teachers who knowingly condone, or fail to report or assist a student to take action to remediate such behavior of sexual harassment or intimidation, may themselves be subject to discipline.

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any student of the District who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion, consistent with the discipline policy. Any person who knowingly making a false accusation regarding sexual harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge with regard to employees, or suspension and expulsion with regard to students.

Any individual seeking further information should contact the Superintendent for the name of the current Title IX Coordinator for the District. The Superintendent shall ensure that the student and employee handbooks identify the name, address, and telephone number of the individual responsible for coordinating the District's compliance efforts.

An individual with a complaint alleging a violation of this policy which does not fall within the scope of allegations addressed by Procedure 3085P shall follow the Uniform Grievance Procedure outlined in Board Policy 3210.

Notifying Parent / Legal Guardian

It is the responsibility of appropriate school staff to notify a student's parent or legal guardian regarding known changes in the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being.

Legal References

20 USC §§ 1681 - 1682
34 CFR Part 106

IC § 67-5909
IDAPA 08.02.03.160

IC § 33-6001

Description

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972
Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance

Commission on Human Rights - Acts Prohibited
Safe Environment and Discipline

Parental Rights in Education

Cross References

Code

3085
3085-P(1)

3210
4120-F

Description

Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation Policy
Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation Policy - Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure, Requirements, and Definitions
Uniform Grievance Procedure
Patron Complaint Form

Policy History:

Adopted on:
Revised on: