

SAFE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Bullying, Cyber-Bullying and Discrimination Based on Race Is Prohibited in Public Schools

The Lyon County School District (LCSD) is committed to providing a safe and respectful learning environment free from bullying, cyberbullying, and discrimination based on race. A member of the school district board of trustees, any employee of the school district, including, without limitation, an administrator, principal, teacher, or other staff member, a member of a club or organization which uses the facilities of any public school, regardless of whether the club or organization has any connection to the school, or any student shall not engage in bullying, cyberbullying, or discrimination based on race on the premises of any public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school, or on any school bus. Every classroom, hallway, locker room cafeteria, restroom, gymnasium, playground, athletic field, school bus, parking lot and other areas on the premises of a public school in the school district must be maintained as a safe and respectful learning environment, and no form of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race will be tolerated within the school district. District officials will promptly investigate any reported allegations of such misconduct in accordance with state law and will take appropriate disciplinary action to ensure that substantiated misconduct does not continue.

~~The Lyon County School District is committed to providing a safe and respectful learning environment in which students of differing beliefs, races, colors, national origins, ancestries, religions, gender identities or expressions, sexual orientation, physical or mental disabilities, sexes or any other distinguishing characteristics, and or backgrounds can realize their full academic and personal potential.~~ It is the intent of this policy to ensure that all ~~administrators, principals, teachers, and other personnel of the school district demonstrate appropriate and professional behavior on the premises of any public school by treating students, including, without limitation, students, with civility and respect and by refusing~~ refuse to tolerate any form of bullying, ~~cyber-bullying,~~ or discrimination ~~based on race~~ misconduct, and ~~by taking~~ take immediate action to protect a victim, reporter, or target of ~~bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race when witnessing, overhearing or being notified that bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race is occurring or has occurred~~ such misconduct. Any teacher, administrator, ~~principal,~~ coach, ~~or~~ other staff member, volunteer or student who tolerates or engages in an act of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race, or violates a provision of state law requiring a response to bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race will be held accountable.

It is the intent of this policy that all students in the District are entitled to maintain their own beliefs and to disagree respectfully without resorting to violence, discrimination based on race, bullying, or cyberbullying. This policy does not advocate nor require the acceptance of differing

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beliefs in a manner that would inhibit the freedom of expression, but does require that all students with differing beliefs be free from harassment, abuse, or any other misconduct.

If the alleged bullying or cyber-bullying based on sex could constitute sex-based harassment under Title IX, then LCSD Board Policy AB – Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex Under Title IX and administrative regulations apply rather than this policy and administrative regulations.¹

¹Under Title IX, sex-based harassment is defined as sexual harassment and other harassment on the basis of sex, that is:

Quid pro quo harassment. A school employee or other person authorized by LCSD to provide an aid, benefit, or service under LCSD's education program or activity explicitly or impliedly conditioning the provision of such an aid, benefit, or service on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct; or

Hostile environment harassment. Unwelcome sex-based conduct that, based on the totality of circumstances, is subjectively and objectively offensive and is so severe or pervasive that it limits or denies a person's ability to participate in or benefit from LCSD's education program or activity (i.e., creates a hostile environment), as defined further in 34 CFR 106.2; or

Specific offenses.

- i. Sexual assault meaning an offense classified as forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- ii. Dating violence as defined further in 34 CFR 106.2;
- iii. Domestic violence as defined further in 34 CFR 10.2; or
- iv. Stalking as defined further in 34 CFR 106.2.

Because the District must respond with specific steps whenever any employee has notice of sexbased harassment under Title IX, all school employees are required to report possible incidents of sex-based harassment involving students directly to the District's Title IX Coordinator, as follows:

Executive Director of Human Resources
Lyon County School District
25 E. Goldfield Avenue
Yerington, NV 89447
(775)463-6800 [or bhogan@lyoncsd.org](mailto:bhogan@lyoncsd.org)

The District's Title IX Coordinator will assist the employee, in consultation with the school principal if the employee is not the principal, to determine whether the allegation could constitute sex-based harassment under Title IX, in which case policy AB will be followed rather than policy JFCC.

~~It is the further intent of this policy to ensure that the quality of instruction is not negatively impacted by poor attitudes or interactions among administrators, principals, teachers or other~~

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personnel of a school district. The Lyon County School District affirms that all students in its public schools are entitled to maintain their own beliefs and to respectfully disagree without resorting to bullying, cyber bullying, discrimination based on race, or violence.

The school district will provide for the appropriate training of all administrators, principals, teachers, and all other personnel employed by the school district as required by law, and as more specifically set forth in administrative regulations implementing this policy.

The superintendent shall use all reasonable means to inform students, employees, and parents/guardians that the District will not tolerate discrimination based on race, bullying, or cyberbullying. The superintendent will provide for the appropriate training of all trustees, administrators, and other personnel employed by or who volunteer with the District. The superintendent will provide for age-appropriate methods of discussing the meaning and substance of this policy with students.

The District prohibits retaliation against any employees or students because they made a report of discrimination based on race, bullying, or cyberbullying, or because they testified, assisted, or participated in the investigation of such a report. Such retaliation is a violation of this policy and District officials will take disciplinary action as appropriate.

No cause of action may be brought against a student or an employee or volunteer of a school who reports a violation of NRS 388.135 unless the person who made the report acted with malice, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, or intentional violation of the law.

Legal Reference(s): NRS 200.900, 385A.070, 388.121 to 388.1395; NAC 388.875 et seq.

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***SAFE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATIONS***

I. Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, and Discrimination Based on Race Is Prohibited in Public Schools

A. A member of the school district board of trustees, any employee of the school district, including, without limitation, an administrator, principal, teacher, or other staff member, a member of a club or organization which uses the facilities of any public school, regardless of whether the club or organization has any connection to the school, or any student shall not engage in bullying, cyber bullying, or discrimination based on race on the premises of any public school, at an activity sponsored by a public school, or on any school bus.

BA. Definitions:

1. Bullying is defined in state law as follows (NRS 388.122):

“Bullying” means written, verbal, or electronic expressions, or physical acts or gestures, or any combination thereof, that are directed at a student or group of students, or a single severe and willful act or expression that is directed at a student or group of students, and:

- a. Have the effect of:
 - i. Physically harming a student or damaging the property of a student; or
 - ii. Placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the property of the student; or
- b. Interfere with the rights of a student by:
 - i. Creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment for the student; or
 - ii. Substantially interfering with the academic performance of a student or the ability of the student to participate in or benefit from services, activities, or privileges provided by a school; or
- c. Are acts or conduct described in paragraph (a) or (b) and are based upon the:
 - i. Actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical

- or mental disability of a student, sex or any other distinguishing characteristic or background of a student; or
- ii. Association of a student with another student having one or more of those actual or perceived characteristics.

The term includes, without limitation:

- a. Repeated or pervasive taunting, name-calling, belittling, mocking or use of put-downs or demeaning humor regarding the actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability of a student, sex, or any other distinguishing characteristic or background of a student;
- b. Behavior that is intended to harm another student by damaging or manipulating ~~his or her~~ relationships with others by conduct that includes, without limitations, spreading false rumors;
- c. Repeated or pervasive nonverbal threats or intimidation such as the use of aggressive, menacing or disrespectful gestures;
- d. Threats of harm to a student, to ~~his or her~~ a student's possessions or to other students, whether such threats are transmitted verbally, electronically or in writing;
- e. Blackmail, extortion, ~~or~~ demands for protection money or involuntary loans, or donations;
- f. Blocking access to any property or facility of a school;
- g. Stalking; and
- h. Physically harmful contact with or injury to another student or ~~his or her~~ property.

NOTE: The term does not include expressions, acts, or gestures which are engaged in as part of a mutual disagreement or conflict.

2. Cyberbullying is defined in state law as follows (NRS 388.123):

“Cyber-bullying” means bullying through the use of electronic communication. The term includes the use of electronic communication to transmit or distribute a sexual image of a minor. ~~As used in this policy, “sexual image” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.737.~~

43. Discrimination based on race is defined in state law as follows (NRS 388.1235):

“Discrimination based on race” means any single or repeated or pervasive act or acts, whether targeted to a specific person or targeted to any demographic identified in paragraph a:

- a. Regarding the race, color, culture, religion, language, ethnicity or national origin of a person that causes harm or creates a hostile work or learning environment, which may include, without limitation, jokes, threats, physical altercations or intimidation; and
- b. That occurs in person, online or in any other setting, including, without limitation, in a course of distance education.

34. “Electronic communication” means the communication of any written, verbal or pictorial information through the use of an electronic device, including, without limitation, a telephone, a cellular phone, a computer, or any similar means of communication (NRS 388.124).

5. “Sexual image” means any visual depiction, including without limitation, any photograph or video, of a minor simulating or engaging in sexual conduct or of a minor as the subject of a sexual portrayal (NRS 200.737).

6. “Sexual portrayal” means the depiction of a student in a manner which appeals to the prurient interest in sex and which does not have serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value (NRS 200.700).

H. Policies and Training Established by the Nevada Department of Education; Standards Adopted by the Nevada Council to Establish Academic Standards

~~A. NRS 388.133 requires that the Nevada Department of Education prescribe by regulation a policy (1) setting forth requirements and methods for reporting violations of the prohibition on bullying, cyber bullying, or discrimination based on race including, without limitation, violations among teachers and violations between teachers and administrators, principals and other personnel of a school district; and (2) for use by school districts to train members of the board of trustees and all administrators, principals, teachers and all other personnel employed by the board of trustees of the school district. The policy must include provisions for training in the topics listed below under “Professional Development. The school district board of trustees will adopt the policy, and the school district will provide the training and comply with other requirements set forth in NRS 388.1342.~~

B. NRS 388.1342 requires that the Nevada Department of Education establish programs of training as follows:

1. Methods to prevent, identify and report incidents of bullying, cyber bullying, or discrimination based on race for members of the boards of trustees of school districts.
2. Training to assist school district personnel to assist those persons with carrying out their powers and duties under the Safe and Respectful Learning Environments statutes.
3. Training for administrators in the prevention of violence and suicide associated with bullying, cyber bullying, or discrimination based on race and appropriate methods to respond to incidents of violence or suicide.

Upon establishment of these programs of training, the school district will complete the programs of training in accordance with the timelines and other requirements set forth under NRS 388.1342.

C. NRS 388.134 requires that the school district board of trustees adopt the policy prescribed by the Council to Establish Academic Standards for the ethical, safe and secure use of computers and other electronic devices (NRS 389.520.2). The standard adopted by the Council for “Digital Citizenship” requires that students understand human, cultural, and societal issues related to technology and practice legal and ethical behavior. The school district adopts that standard and the strands for education in computer education and technology which require that students:

1. Advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology;
2. Exhibit a positive attitude toward using technology that supports collaboration, learning, and productivity;
3. Demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning; and
4. Exhibit leadership for digital citizenship.

The complete set of Nevada Computer and Technology Standards are available online at <http://www.doe.nv.gov/APAC-Computer-Technology/>. These standards include indicators for how the strands are applied within specific grade bands in Nevada.

III. Notice that Bullying, Cyber-Bullying, and Discrimination Based on Race Is Prohibited in Public Schools

As required by NRS 388.139, the school district will include LCSD Board Policy JFCC and the text of the provisions of NRS 388.121 to 388.1395, inclusive, within each copy of

the rules of behavior for students that the school district provides to students under the heading “Discrimination Based on Race, Bullying and Cyber-Bullying Is Prohibited in Public Schools.” The school district will also post LCSD Board Policy JFCC on its internet website. Upon the request of a parent or legal guardian, the school district will provide a parent or legal guardian with a written copy of LCSD Board Policy JFCC.

III~~V~~. Requirements and Methods for Reporting Violations; Investigations

A. Reporting Violations:

A. Any student who believes that he or she has been a victim of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race by a member of the school district board of trustees, any employee of the school district, including, without limitation, an administrator, principal, teacher, or other staff member, a member of a club or organization which uses the facilities of any public school, regardless of whether the club or organization has any connection to the school, or any student is encouraged and instructed to adhere to the following reporting mechanism:

1. Students. School district students who are targets of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race and students who have first-hand knowledge of such bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race should report any incident(s) to a teacher, counselor, or school administrator.

Each school principal shall advise students and parents/guardians of the means by which a report of a violation of NRS 388.135 may be filed.

2. Employees. A teacher, administrator, principal, coach or other staff member who witnesses a violation of the prohibition on bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race, or receives information that a violation has occurred (including overhearing, or receiving a report, formal or informal, written or oral, of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race) must report the violation to the principal or designee as soon as practicable, but not later than a time during the same day on which the teacher, administrator, principal, coach or other staff member witnessed the violation or received information regarding the occurrence of a violation.

Each school principal shall advise employees of the means by which the principal may be contacted on any day when an employee witnesses a violation or receives information that a violation of NRS 388.135 has occurred.

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NOTE: If the report involves a school principal, the District Superintendent, or a member of the Board of Trustees, the reporter shall make a report directly to the Executive Director of Human Resources (EEO Officer).

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX:

If the alleged bullying or cyber-bullying based on sex could constitute sex-based harassment under Title IX, then LCSD Board Policy AB – Non-discrimination on the Basis of Sex Under Title IX and administrative regulations apply rather than this policy and administrative regulations.² **Because the District must respond with specific steps whenever any employee has notice of sex-based harassment under Title IX, all school employees are required to report possible incidents of sexual harassment involving students directly to the District's Title IX Coordinator, as follows:**

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Lyon County School District
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Yerington, NV 89447
(775)463-6800 [or bhogan@lyoncsd.org](mailto:bhogan@lyoncsd.org)

The District's Title IX Coordinator will assist the employee, in consultation with the school principal if the employee is not the principal, to determine whether the allegation could constitute sex-based harassment under Title IX, in which case policy AB will be followed rather than policy JFCC.

²Under Title IX, sex-based harassment is defined as sexual harassment and other harassment on the basis of sex, that is:

Quid pro quo harassment. A school employee or other person authorized by LCSD to provide an aid, benefit, or service under LCSD's education program or activity explicitly or impliedly conditioning the provision of such an aid, benefit, or service on a person's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct; or

Hostile environment harassment. Unwelcome sex-based conduct that, based on the totality of circumstances, is subjectively and objectively offensive and is so severe or pervasive that it limits or denies a person's ability to participate in or benefit from LCSD's education program or activity (i.e., creates a hostile environment), as defined further in 34 CFR 106.2; or

Specific offenses.

- v. Sexual assault meaning an offense classified as forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;
- vi. Dating violence as defined further in 34 CFR 106.2;
- vii. Domestic violence as defined further in 34 CFR 10.2; or
- viii. Stalking as defined further in 34 CFR 106.2.

School Principal/Designee Investigations:

~~The principal or designee u~~Upon receiving a report of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race, the principal or designee shall, in accordance with any relevant procedures prescribed by the Department for such purposes, screen and assess the report to determine whether the facts included in the report suggest that a violation of NRS 388.135 has likely occurred.

If the principal or designee determines that the facts included in the report do not suggest that a violation of NRS 388.135 has likely occurred, the administrator or designee shall adhere to any policies or procedures prescribed by the Nevada Department of Education for handling such a report.

If the principal or designee determines that a violation of NRS 388.135 has likely occurred, they will immediately take any necessary action to stop the ~~bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race~~ alleged misconduct, ensure the safety and well-being of the reported victim or victims, and ~~shall~~ begin an investigation into the report. If the principal or designee does not have access to the reported victim(s) of ~~the alleged bullying, cyberbullying or discrimination based on race, the principal~~ misconduct, they may wait until the next day when ~~he or she has such~~ they have access to take the immediate actions described above.

A. The principal or designee must notify all parents or guardians of all students directly involved (either as reported aggressor(s) or as reported victim(s)) in the reported bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race through telephone, electronic mail or other electronic means, or in person. The notification must include a statement that an investigation will be conducted and include counseling or intervention services that are available at the school, as well as provide a list of community resources. If the contact information for the parent or guardian of a student in the school records is not correct a good faith effort to notify the parent or guardian shall be deemed sufficient to meet the notification requirement. The principal or designee must document all such efforts.

B. The notification must be provided:

1. Before the school's administrative office closes on the day on which the bullying, cyber-bullying or discrimination based on race is reported, if the misconduct is reported before the end of school hours on a school day; or
2. Before the school's administrative office closes on the school day following the day on which the bullying, cyber-bullying or discrimination based on race is reported, if the misconduct was reported on a day that is not a school day or after school hours on a school day.

C. The investigation must be completed, to the greatest extent practicable, within 5 school days after the principal or designee receives a report of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race. If extenuating circumstances prevent the principal or designee from completing the investigation required by this section within 5 school days after making a good faith effort, 2 additional days may be used to complete the investigation.

1. Interviews must be conducted with all students (reported aggressor(s) and victim(s)) whose parents or guardians must be notified, and with all such parents or guardians.
2. The principal or designee shall not take any action that may cause harm to the reported victim, require the reported victim to change classrooms or isolate the reported victim from his or her peers. The principal or designee shall, to the extent practicable, talk privately and discreetly about the violation with the reported victim, without bringing undue attention to the reported victim.

State law does not place any limit on the time within which an investigation concerning any alleged act that constitutes sexual assault must be completed.

D. The principal or designee must complete a written report of the findings and conclusions of the investigation. If a violation is found to have occurred, the report must include recommendations concerning the imposition of restorative disciplinary action or other measures to be imposed as a result of the violation, in accordance with LCSD Board Policy JG. The principal or designee will assist the reported aggressor to see the harm that his or her actions have caused, identify strategies to repair that harm and direct the aggressor to not engage in bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race in the future. If a violation is found *not* to have occurred, information concerning the incident must not be included in the record of the reported aggressor.

E. The principal or designee shall develop and carry out a written safety plan to support the physical and emotional well-being of the reported victim and the reported aggressor which is designed to ensure that the reported victim and the reported aggressor are not further harmed by the bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race, including, without limitation, by allowing the reported victim to make up any test or homework assignment that he or she missed or failed to submit as a result of the bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race.

F. Within 24 hours after completing the report the principal or designee shall provide the parent or guardian of the reported aggressor a copy of the written report that does not contain the personally identifiable information of any other pupil. Although not required

by state law, a copy of the written report that does not contain the personally identifiable information of any other pupil shall be provided to the parent or guardian of the reported victim.

G. The principal or designee will notify the parent or guardian of any other pupil directly involved in the incident of the outcome of the investigation and make available upon request to any such parent or guardian a copy of the report that does not contain the personally identifiable information of any pupil, other than the pupil to whose parent or guardian the report is provided.

H. Within 24 hours after completing the report, the principal or designee shall notify the parent or guardian of each pupil directly involved in the incident that the parent or guardian may:

- (1) submit to the principal or designee a complaint or concern regarding the conduct or outcome of the investigation;
- (2) request a meeting with the principal or designee to discuss the outcome of the investigation;
- (3) appeal the outcome of the investigation; and
- (4) appeal a disciplinary decision of the principal or designee made against a pupil as a result of the incident.

I. Not later than 10 school days after receiving a report of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race, the principal or designee shall meet with each reported victim of the misconduct to inquire about the well-being of the reported victim and to ensure that the reported bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race is not continuing.

J. If a violation of NRS 388.135 is found to have occurred, the parent or guardian of a student who is a victim or perpetrator of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race may request ~~a variance to another school in LCSD. The variance will be approved initially, and all requirements under LCSD Board Policy JECBB—Variance Policy will apply~~ that the board of trustees assign their student to a different school in the District.

Upon receiving such a request, the board of trustees:

- i. shall, if the pupil is a victim of discrimination based on race, bullying, or cyberbullying, in consultation with the parent or guardian of the student, assign the student to a different school; or
- ii. may, if the pupil is a perpetrator of discrimination based on race, bullying, or cyberbullying, in consultation with the parent or guardian of the student, assign the student to a different school as a component of the disciplinary action or other measures taken in response to the violation.

NOTE: If both the victim and perpetrator of a violation of NRS 388.135 are assigned to a different school, the perpetrator must not be assigned to the same school as the victim.

K. If a law enforcement agency is investigating a potential crime involving an alleged violation of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race, the administrator may, after notifying the parent or guardian of the alleged incident, defer the school investigation until the completion of the criminal investigation by the law enforcement agency. If the school investigation is deferred, the administrator will immediately develop a plan to protect the safety of each student directly involved in the alleged violation of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race.

L. If the administrator determines that the bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race was caused by the disability of the student, the provisions of NRS 388.1351 (e.g. reporting, investigation, notification, written report, follow-up with victim, etc.) do not apply if the behavior or similar behavior is addressed in the student's individualized education program. The administrator will take necessary measures to protect the safety of the victim.

M. The provisions of NRS 388.1351 (e.g. reporting, investigation, notification, written report, follow-up with victim, etc.) do not apply to prekindergarten students if the behavior is addressed through measures intended to modify the behavior of the student, an employee of LCSD, or other adults.

N. The principal/designee will report the number of bullying, cyber-bullying and discrimination based on race events reported, the number of such reports confirmed, and the number of such reports not confirmed by logging all events into the student information system (Infinite Campus). The superintendent or designee will report this information as directed by the Nevada Department of Education Office for a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment. This report will be shared annually with the Board of Trustees no later than July 31st.

No Interfering with or Preventing Disclosure of Information:

Members of the school district board of trustees and school district employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly interfering with or preventing the disclosure of information concerning bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race violations.

Appeal of Disciplinary Decision:

The provisions of LCSD Board Policy JG – Student Discipline and Administrative Regulation shall govern any appeal of a disciplinary decision made against a student as a result of the incident of bullying, cyber-bullying or discrimination based on race, with the following exception:

Not later than 30 days after receiving a response from the deputy superintendent, the parent or guardian of a pupil directly involved in the reported violation of NRS 388.135 may submit a complaint to the Nevada Department of Education concerning the outcome of the appeal or a suspected violation (NAC 388.915).

Immunity for Reporting Violations; Disciplinary Action for Certain Students:

No cause of action may be brought against a student, employee, or volunteer of a school who reports a violation of the prohibition on bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race, unless the student who made the report acted with malice, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, or intentional or knowing violation of the law.

If a principal determines that a report of a violation is false and that the student who made the report acted with malice, intentional misconduct, gross negligence, or intentional or knowing violation of the law, the principal may recommend the imposition of disciplinary action or other measures against the student in accordance with the policy governing disciplinary action adopted by the school district board of trustees (LCSD Board Policy JG – Student Discipline).

School District Policy for Employees to Report Violations to Law Enforcement:

The school district board of trustees, in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies that have jurisdiction over the school district and with school police, if applicable, will establish a separate policy for the procedures which must be followed by an employee of the school district when reporting a violation of the prohibition on bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race to a school police officer or local law enforcement.

I V. Professional Development

The school district superintendent will provide for the appropriate training of all administrators, principals, teachers and all other personnel employed by the school district in accordance with this policy, including training on the following topics:

- A. Training in the appropriate methods to facilitate positive human relations among students by eliminating the use of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race so that students may realize their full academic and personal potential.
- B. Training in methods to prevent, identify, and report incidents of bullying, cyberbullying, or discrimination based on race.
- C. Training concerning the needs of students with diverse gender identities or expressions.
- D. Training concerning the needs of students with disabilities and students with autism spectrum disorder.
- E. Methods to promote a positive learning environment.
- F. Methods to improve the school environment in a manner that will facilitate positive human relations among students.
- G. Methods to teach skills to students so that the students are able to replace inappropriate behavior with positive behavior.

VI. School Safety Team

- A. The principal or designee must establish a school safety team to develop, foster and maintain a school environment, which is free from bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race.
- B. The principal or designee will conduct investigations of violations of the prohibition on bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race.
- C. The principal or designee will collaborate with the school district board of trustees and school safety team to prevent, identify and address reported violations of the prohibition on bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race at the school.
- D. The School Safety Teams must consist of the principal or designee (committee chair) and the following persons appointed by the principal:
 - 1. School counselor;
 - 2. At least one teacher at the school;
 - 3. At least one parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school; and
 - 4. Any other persons appointed by the principal.
- E. The School Safety Team will:
 - 1. Meet at least two times each year;
 - 2. Identify and address patterns of bullying, cyber-bullying, and discrimination based on race;
 - 3. Review and strengthen school policies to prevent and address bullying, cyberbullying, and discrimination based on race;
 - 4. Provide information to school personnel, students, and parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the school on methods to address bullying, cyber-bullying, and discrimination based on race; and

5. To the extent money is available, participate in any training conducted by the school district regarding bullying, cyber-bullying, and discrimination based on race.

VII. Week of Respect

The school board of trustees will determine the most effective manner for the delivery of information to public school students during the “Week of Respect” proclaimed by the Governor each year. The information delivered during the “Week of Respect” will focus on:

- A. Methods to prevent, identify and report incidents of bullying, cyber-bullying, and discrimination based on race;
- B. Methods to improve the school environment in a manner that will facilitate positive human relations among students; and
- C. Methods to facilitate positive human relations among students by eliminating the use of bullying, cyber-bullying, and discrimination based on race.

VIII. Writ of Mandamus to Compel Compliance with Law

A parent or guardian may petition a court of competent jurisdiction for a writ of mandamus to compel the performance of any duty imposed by the provision of Nevada anti-bullying laws, at NRS 388.121 to 388.1395, inclusive.

VIII X. Employee Bullying, Cyber-Bullying and Discrimination Based on Race (also see LCSD Policy GBBC – Employee Bullying)

Allegations of bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race among teachers or between teachers and administrators, principals, or other school employees must be reported and will be investigated in accordance with school district policies, regulations, administrative procedures; any applicable collective bargaining agreement; and other applicable laws.

Complaints against an employee by students or parents or guardians must be investigated and addressed by the District in accordance with school district policies, regulations, administrative procedures, applicable collective bargaining agreements, and other applicable laws. Appeals may be filed at the Nevada Department of Education, Office of Safe and Respectful Learning Environment (NAC 388.915).

IX. Failure to Report Violations

If an administrator, principal or the designee of an administrator or principal of a school knowingly and willfully fails to comply with the provisions of NRS 388.1351 concerning

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obligations for reporting violations, investigating, preparing reports, and related matters, the superintendent shall take disciplinary action against the employee by written admonishment, demotion, suspension, dismissal or refusal to reemploy. If the employee is the holder of a license issued pursuant to NRS Chapter 391, the superintendent may recommend to the board of trustees that the board submit a recommendation to the State Board for the suspension or revocation of the employee's license.

The District may discipline other licensed employees with a suspension, demotion, dismissal or non-reemployment without prior admonition if they knowingly and willfully fail to comply with the provisions of NRS 388.1351. An intentional failure to report a bullying violation shall constitute a knowing and willful failure to comply with the provisions of NRS 388.1351. For negligently failing to report a bullying violation, the District may use progressive discipline but may not immediately demote or dismiss without prior admonition.

Appendix A

**LCSD WORKSHEET FOR DETERMINING WHETHER BULLYING, CYBER-
BULLYING, OR DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE HAS OCCURRED
NATURE OF REPORTED AGGRESSOR'S MISCONDUCT**

Has the reported victim experienced (1) written, verbal or electronic expressions, or physical acts or gestures, or any combination thereof, or (2) a single severe and willful act or expression? The term does not include expressions, acts or gestures which are engaged in as part of a mutual disagreement or conflict.

☐ Yes ☐ No **DESCRIBE:** _____
(If "Yes", continue to the section below, "Effect on Reported Victim". If "No" then it is not bullying. Instead, it may be some other disciplinary infraction of LCSD Discipline policy JG or a school rule violation that may need to be addressed.)

EXAMPLES include:

- Repeated or pervasive taunting, name-calling, belittling, mocking or use of put-downs or demeaning humor regarding the actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability of a person, sex or any other distinguishing characteristic or background of a person
- Behavior that is intended to harm another person by damaging or manipulating his or her relationships by conduct that includes, without limitation, spreading false rumors
- Repeated or pervasive nonverbal threats or intimidation such as the use of aggressive, menacing, or disrespectful gestures
- Threats of harm to a person, to his or her possessions or to other persons, whether such threats are transmitted verbally, electronically or in writing
- Blackmail, extortion or demands for protection money or involuntary loans or donations;
- Blocking access to any property or facility of a school
- Stalking
- Physically harmful contact with or injury to another person or his or her property

EFFECT ON REPORTED VICTIM

1. Has the student been harmed physically, or is the student reasonably afraid of being harmed physically?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DESCRIBE: _____
• Is the conduct based on the actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, sex, any other distinguishing characteristic, or background of the person OR is the conduct based on the person's association with another person having one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DESCRIBE: _____
If Yes, consider whether district policies and procedures for investigating complaints of discrimination (including harassment) should be followed in addition to state law.

2. Has the student's property been damaged, or is the student reasonably afraid of having his/her property damaged?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DESCRIBE: _____
• Is the conduct based on the actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, sex, any other distinguishing characteristic, or background of the person OR is the conduct based on the person's association with another person having one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DESCRIBE: _____

If Yes, consider whether district policies and procedures for investigating complaints of discrimination (including harassment) should be followed in addition to state law.

3. Have the student's rights been interfered with because the misconduct has created an intimidating or hostile educational environment, including substantially interfering with the academic performance of a student or the ability of the person to participate in or benefit from services, activities or privileges provided by the school?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DESCRIBE: _____

• Is the conduct based on the actual or perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, sex, any other distinguishing characteristic, or background of the person OR is the conduct based on the person's association with another person having one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics?

☐ Yes ☐ No

DESCRIBE: _____

If Yes, consider whether district policies and procedures for investigating complaints of discrimination (including harassment) should be followed in addition to state law.

(If all answers are "No", then it is not bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race. However, it may be another infraction from LCSD Discipline Policy JG or a school rule violation. If any answers are "Yes", then bullying, cyber-bullying, or discrimination based on race is confirmed.)