

Students

Harassment of Students Prohibited

Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment Prohibited

No person, including a District employee or agent, or student, shall harass, intimidate, or bully ~~another a student based upon a student's~~ *on the basis of actual or perceived:* race; color; nationality; sex; sexual orientation; *gender identity; gender-related identity or expression;* ancestry; age; religion; ~~creed;~~ physical or mental disability; ~~gender identity;~~ order of protection status; status of being homeless; ~~or~~ actual or potential marital or parental status, including pregnancy; *association with a person or group with one or more of the aforementioned actual or perceived characteristics;* or *any other distinguishing characteristic* ~~protected group status~~. The District will not tolerate harassing, intimidating conduct, or bullying whether verbal, physical, or visual, that affects the tangible benefits of education, that unreasonably interferes with a student's educational performance, or that creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Examples of prohibited conduct include name-calling, using derogatory slurs, *stalking*, causing psychological harm, threatening or causing physical harm, *threatened or actual destruction of property*, or wearing or possessing items depicting or implying hatred or prejudice of one of the characteristics stated above.

~~Complaints of harassment, intimidation or bullying are handled according to the provisions on sexual harassment, below. The Superintendent shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students that the District will not tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying by including this policy in the appropriate handbooks.~~

Sexual Harassment Prohibited

Sexual harassment of students is prohibited. Any person, including a district employee or agent, or student, engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes sexual advances, requests sexual favors, and engages in other 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, 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 a student's educational environment;
 - b. creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment;
 - c. depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, or treatment; or
 - d. making submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct that has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include touching, crude jokes or pictures, discussions of sexual experiences, teasing related to sexual characteristics, and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities.

Making a Complaint; Enforcement

Students ~~who believe they are victims of sexual harassment or have witnessed~~ *are encouraged to report claims or incidences of bullying, harassment,* sexual harassment ~~are encouraged to discuss or any other prohibited conduct to~~ the matter with the Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, *Complaint Manager* or Nondiscrimination Coordinator. ~~Students~~ *A student* may choose to report to a person of the student's same sex. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.

An allegation that ~~one~~ *a* student was ~~sexually harassed~~ *a victim of any prohibited conduct perpetrated* by another student shall be referred to the Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, or Nondiscrimination Coordinator for appropriate action.

The Superintendent shall insert into this policy the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's current Complaint Manager and Nondiscrimination Coordinator. At least one of these individuals will be female, and at least one will be male.

Complaint Manager:

Name	<u>Michael Greenlee, Principal</u>
Address	<u>6200 North Boone School Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065</u>
Telephone No.	<u>815-765-9006</u>

Nondiscrimination Coordinator:

Name	<u>Christine Troller, Principal</u>
Address	<u>17823 Poplar Grove Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065</u>
Telephone No.	<u>815-765-3311</u>

The Superintendent shall use reasonable measures to inform staff members and students ~~that the District will not tolerate sexual harassment~~ *of this policy*, such as, by including ~~this policy~~ *it* in the appropriate handbooks.

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

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq., Title IX of the Educational Amendments.
34 C.F.R. Part 106.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.12, 10-22.5 and 5/27-1, and 5/27-23.7.
775 ILCS 5/1-101 et seq.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.240 and Part 200.
Davis v. Monroe County Board of Education, 119 S.Ct. 1661 (1999).
Franklin v. Gwinnett Co. Public Schools, 112 S.Ct. 1028 (1992).
Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District, 118 S.Ct. 1989 (1998).
West v. Derby Unified School District No. 260, 206 F.3d 1358 (10th Cir., 2000).

CROSS REF.: 2:260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure), 5:20 (~~Sexual Harassment~~ *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*), 7:10 (Equal Educational Opportunities); *7:180 (Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment*, 7:190 (Student Discipline)

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