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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe, positive learning environment for all students that is free from dating violence. Dating violence is inconsistent with the educational goals of the school and is prohibited at all times.

Definitions

Dating Partners shall mean a person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person, primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement, whether casual, serious or long-term.[\[1\]](#)

Dating Violence shall mean behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse to control the person's dating partner.[\[1\]](#)

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee encourages students who have been subjected to dating violence to promptly report such incidents.

The school shall investigate promptly all complaints of dating violence and shall administer appropriate discipline to any student who violates this policy.[\[2\]](#)

Guidelines

Complaint Procedure

When a student believes that s/he has been subject to dating violence, the student is encouraged to promptly report the incident, orally or in writing, to the building administrator, guidance counselor or classroom teacher.

The building administrator shall conduct a timely, impartial, and comprehensive investigation of the alleged dating violence.

The building administrator shall prepare a written report summarizing the investigation and recommending disposition of the complaint. The complainant and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of the investigation.[\[1\]](#)

If the investigation results in a substantiated finding of dating violence, the building administrator shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action, as circumstances warrant, in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)

If a possible violation of the school's harassment policy is implicated, the building administrator shall take additional action as necessary to comply with Joint Operating Committee policy and state and federal law and regulations.[\[3\]](#)

The school shall document the corrective action taken and, where not prohibited by law, inform the complainant.

This policy on dating violence shall be:[\[1\]](#)

- 1. Published in the Code of Student Conduct.**
- 2. Published in the Student Handbook.**
- 3. Made available on the school's website, if available.**
- 4. Provided to parents/guardians.**

Dating Violence Training

The school may provide dating violence training to guidance counselors, nurses, and mental health staff as deemed necessary. At the discretion of the Director, parents/guardians and other staff may also receive training on dating violence.[\[1\]](#)

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