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Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence – Student**

The Board in its commitment to providing a positive and productive learning environment will consult with parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, students, administrators and community representatives in developing this policy in compliance with applicable Oregon Revised Statutes.

Harassment, intimidation or bullying and acts of cyberbullying by students is strictly prohibited. Teen dating violence is unacceptable behavior and prohibited. Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is also strictly prohibited. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action or other appropriate sanctions.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Students may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

The principal and the superintendent are responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented.

Definitions

"District" includes district facilities, district premises and nondistrict property if the student is at any district-sponsored, district-approved or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the control of the district.

"Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any act that substantially interferes with a student's educational benefits, opportunities or performance, that takes place on or immediately adjacent to district grounds, at any district-sponsored activity, on district-provided transportation or at any official district bus stop, that may be based on, but not limited to, the protected class status of a person, having the effect of:

- 1. Physically harming a student or damaging a student's property;
- 2. Knowingly placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student's property;
- 3. Creating a hostile educational environment including interfering with the psychological well being of the student.

"Protected class" means a group of persons distinguished, or perceived to be distinguished, by race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation¹, national origin, marital status, familial status, source of income or disability.

"Teen dating violence" means:

- 1. A pattern of behavior in which a person uses or threatens to use physical, mental or emotional abuse to control another person who is in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age; or
- 2. Behavior by which a person uses or threatens to use sexual violence against another person who is in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age.

"Domestic violence" means abuse by one or more of the following acts between family and household members²:

- 1. Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury;
- 2. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury;
- 3. Causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force.

"Cyberbullying" is the use of any electronic communication device to harass, intimidate or bully.

"Retaliation" means harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying toward a person in response to a student for actually or apparently reporting or participating in the investigation of harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying or retaliation.

Reporting

The principal will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any report of an act of harassment, intimidation or bullying and acts of cyberbullying. Any employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy shall immediately report their concerns to the principal who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any employee who has knowledge of incidents of teen dating violence that took place on district property, at a district-sponsored activity or in a district vehicle or vehicle used for transporting students to a district activity, shall immediately report the incident to the principal. Failure of an employee to report an act of harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence or an act of cyberbullying to the principal may be subject to remedial action, up to and including dismissal. Remedial action may not be based solely on an anonymous report.

Any student who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels they have been harassed, intimidated or bullied, a victim of teen dating violence and acts of being cyberbullied in violation of this policy shall immediately report their concerns to the principal who has overall responsibility for all

¹ "Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behaviors differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.

² "Family or household members" as defined in ORS 107.705

investigations. Any volunteer who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report their concerns to the principal who has overall responsibility for all investigations.

This report may be made anonymously. A student or volunteer may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate district official.

Complaints against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Complaints against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair.

The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation and, as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken. The complainant may request that the superintendent review the actions taken in the initial investigation, in accordance with district complaint procedures.

The district shall incorporate into existing training programs for students information related to the prevention of, and the appropriate response to, acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying and acts of cyberbullying.

The district shall incorporate age-appropriate education about teen dating violence and domestic violence into new or existing training programs for students in grade 7 through 12.

The district shall incorporate into existing training programs for staff information related to the prevention of, and the appropriate response to, acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence, domestic violence and acts of cyberbullying.

The superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring annual notice of this policy is provided in a student or employee handbook, school and district websites, and school and district office and complaint procedures, as established by the district, shall be followed.

Domestic violence posters provided by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) shall be posted in clearly visible locations on school campuses in accordance with rules adopted by the ODE.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 107.705	ORS 332.107	OAR 581-021-0046
ORS 166.065	ORS 339.240	OAR 581-021-0055
ORS 166.155 - 166.165	ORS 339.250	OAR 581-022-2310
ORS 174.100(7)	ORS 339.351 - 339.368	OAR 581-022-2370
ORS 332.072	OAR 581-021-0045	<u> </u>

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2012).

Cross Reference(s):

GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment JFCM - Threats of Violence

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Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence Reporting Procedures – Student

Principals have the responsibility for investigations concerning reported acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, and incidents of teen dating violence. The investigator(s) shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the report presented.

All reports will be investigated in accordance with the following procedures:

- Any reports or information on acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying, cyberbullying, or incidents of teen dating violence (e.g., complaints, rumors) shall be presented to the principal. Reports against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Reports against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair. All such information will be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the offense and corresponding dates.
- Step 2 The principal receiving the report shall promptly investigate. Parents will be notified of the nature of any report involving their student. The principal will arrange such meetings as may be necessary with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the information or report. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings related to the report will be reduced to writing. The principal conducting the investigation shall notify the person making the report within 10 working days of receipt of the information or report and parents as appropriate, in writing, when the investigation is concluded and a decision regarding disciplinary action, as warranted, is determined.

A copy of the notification letter or the date and details of notification to the person making the report, together with any other documentation related to the incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

- Step 3 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, they may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the person making the report and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the appeal within 10 working days.
- Step 4 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, a written appeal may be filed with the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, within 20 working days, conduct a hearing at which time the person making the report shall be given an opportunity to present the report. The Board shall provide a written decision to the person making the report within 10 working days following completion of the hearing.

Reports against the superintendent should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within 20 days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Reports against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member should be made to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within 20 days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Reports against the Board chair may be made directly to the Board vice chair on behalf of the Board. The Board vice chair shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within 20 days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Timelines may be extended upon written agreement between both parties. This also applies to reports filed against the superintendent or any Board member.

Direct complaints of discriminatory harassment related to educational programs and services may be made to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

Documentation related to the incident may be maintained as a part of the student's education records. Additionally, a copy of all reported acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying, cyberbullying, or incidents of teen dating violence and documentation will be maintained as a confidential file in the district office.

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Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing - Staff

The Board is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment.

Hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, bullying and acts of cyberbullying of staff, students or third parties by students, staff, or third parties is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the district.

Retaliation against the victim, any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is strictly prohibited. Such retaliation shall be considered a serious violation of Board policy and independent of whether a report or complaint is substantiated. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action or other appropriate sanctions.

Staff whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action which may include discipline, up to and including dismissal. Third parties whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or the Board. Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action which may include discipline, up to and including expulsion.

Individuals may also be referred to law enforcement officials. Licensed staff will be reported to Teacher Standards and Practices Commission, if required by OAR 584-020-0041.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative regulations to implement this policy. Regulations shall include descriptions of prohibited conduct, reporting and investigative procedures, and provisions to ensure notice of this policy is provided to students, staff, and third parties.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 163.190	ORS 332.107	<u>ORS 659A</u> .199 - 659A.224
<u>ORS 163</u> .197	ORS 339.250	OAR 839-003-0000
ORS 166.065	ORS 659A.006	OAR 839-005-0021
<u>ORS 166</u> .155 - 166.165	ORS 659A.029	OAR 839-005-0030
<u>ORS 174</u> .100	ORS 659A.030	
ORS 332.072	ORS 659A.103 - 659A.143	

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2012).

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, et. Seq. (2012).

Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 29 U.S.C. §§ 621-634 (2012); 29 C.F.R. Part 1626 (2018)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2012); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2018); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2018).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12133 (2012).

Bartsch v. Elkton School District, FDA-13-011 (March 27, 2014).

OREGON BUREAU OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES, Workplace Bullying (visited Feb. 26, 2019),

https://www.oregon.gov/boli/docs/WorkplaceBullyingPoster-2018.pdf.

Cross Reference(s):

GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment JFCM - Threats of Violence

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Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing Reporting Procedures - Staff

The following definitions and procedures shall be used for reporting, investigating, and resolving reports of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, and cyberbullying of staff or third parties.

Definitions

- 1. "Third parties" include, but are not limited to, coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors, or others engaged in district business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the district and others not directly subject to district control at interdistrict and intradistrict athletic competitions or other school events.
- 2. "District" includes district facilities, district premises, and nondistrict property if the employee is at any district-sponsored, district-approved, or district-related activity or function, such as field trips, athletic events or where the employee is engaged in district business.
- 3. "Hazing" includes, but is not limited to, any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student/staff member for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored work activity, work group or work assignment, or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate regardless of the person's willingness to participate.
- 4. "Harassment" is unwelcome conduct that is based on race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation¹, national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information. Harassment becomes unlawful when 1) enduring the offensive conduct becomes a condition of continued employment, or 2) the conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create a work environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive.
- 5. "Intimidation" includes, but is not limited to, any threat or act intended to tamper, substantially damage or interfere with another's property, cause substantial inconvenience, subject another to offensive physical contact or inflict serious physical injury on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or sexual orientation.
- 6. "Bullying" is a pattern of repeated mistreatment that harms, intimidates, undermines, offends, degrades, or humiliates an employee.

¹ "Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behavior differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.

- 7. "Cyberbullying" means the use of any electronic device to convey a message in any form (e.g., text, image, audio, or video) that intimidates, harasses, or is otherwise harms, insults, or humiliates another in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner under a person's true or false identity. In addition, any communication of this form which substantially disrupts or prevents a safe and positive working environment may also be considered cyberbullying. Staff will refrain from using personal electronic devices or district equipment to harass or stalk another person or people.
- 8. "Menacing" includes, but is not limited to, any act intended to place a district employee, student, or third party in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

Reporting Procedures

Principals and the superintendent have responsibility for investigations concerning reports of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, and cyberbullying of staff or third parties. The investigator(s) shall be a neutral party having had no involvement in the report presented.

Any employee or third party who has knowledge of conduct in violation of Board policy JFCF - Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence and Domestic Violence - Student, shall immediately report concerns to the designated district official.

Any employee or third party who has knowledge of conduct in violation of Board policy GBNA – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, or Cyberbullying – Staff and this administrative regulation or feels they have been hazed, harassed, intimidated, bullied, cyberbullied, or menaced in violation of Board policy or this administrative regulation, shall immediately report their concerns to the designated district official.

All reports and information will be promptly investigated in accordance with the following procedures:

- Any reports or information on acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing cyberbullying (e.g., complaints, rumors) shall be presented to the principal or superintendent. Reports against the principal shall be filed with the superintendent. Information may be presented anonymously. Reports against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair. All such information will be reduced to writing and will include the specific nature of the offense and corresponding dates.
- Step 2 The district official receiving the report shall promptly investigate. Parents will be notified of the nature of any report involving their student. The district official will arrange such meetings as may be necessary with all concerned parties within five working days after receipt of the information or report. The parties will have an opportunity to submit evidence and a list of witnesses. All findings related to the report will be reduced to writing. The district official(s) conducting the investigation shall notify the person making the report within [10] working days of receipt of the information or report, and parents as appropriate, in writing, when the investigation is concluded and a decision regarding disciplinary action, as warranted, is determined.

A copy of the notification letter or the date and details of notification to the person making the report, together with any other documentation related to the incident, including disciplinary action taken or recommended, shall be forwarded to the superintendent.

- Step 3 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 2, they may submit a written appeal to the superintendent or designee. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 2 decision. The superintendent or designee will arrange such meetings with the person making the report and other affected parties as deemed necessary to discuss the appeal. The superintendent or designee shall provide a written decision to the appeal within 10 working days.
- Step 4 If the person making the report is not satisfied with the decision at Step 3, a written appeal may be filed with the Board. Such appeal must be filed within 10 working days after receipt of the Step 3 decision. The Board shall, within 20 working days, conduct a hearing at which time the person making the report shall be given an opportunity to present the information or report. The Board shall provide a written decision to the person making the report within 10 working days following completion of the hearing.

Reports against the superintendent should be referred to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair shall present the complaint to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Reports against the Board as a whole or against an individual Board member should be made to the Board chair on behalf of the Board. The Board chair shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within 20 days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Reports against the Board chair may be made directly to the [district counsel] [Board chair] on behalf of the Board. The [district counsel] [Board vice chair] shall present the report to the Board. If the Board decides an investigation is warranted, the Board may refer the investigation to a third party. When the investigation is complete, the results will be presented to the Board. After receiving the results of the investigation, the Board shall decide, within 20 days, in open session what action, if any, is warranted.

Timelines may be extended upon written agreement between both parties. This also applies to reports filed against the superintendent or any Board member.

Direct complaints of discriminatory harassment related to employment may be filed with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, Civil Rights Division, or the U.S. Department of Labor, Equal Employment Opportunities Commission.

Documentation related to the incident may be maintained as a part of the employee's personnel file. Additionally, a copy of all reported acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation, bullying, menacing, or cyberbullying and documentation will be maintained as a confidential file in the district office.

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Threats of Violence**

The Board is committed to promoting healthy relationships and a safe learning environment. To this end, student threats of harm to self or others, threatening behavior or acts of violence, including threats to severely damage any district property, shall not be tolerated on district property or at activities under the jurisdiction of the district.

Students shall be instructed of the responsibility to inform a teacher, counselor or administrator regarding any information or knowledge relevant to conduct prohibited by this policy. Parents and others will be encouraged to report such information to the district. Staff shall immediately notify an administrator of any threat, threatening behavior or act of violence the staff member has knowledge of, has witnessed or received. All reports will be promptly investigated.

Students found in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion. The superintendent or designee shall notify the parent or guardian of any student in violation of this policy and the disciplinary action imposed. A referral to law enforcement shall be made for any infraction involving a student bringing, possessing, concealing or using a weapon or destructive device as prohibited by state and federal law and Board policy.

The district shall enforce this policy consistently, fairly and without bias against any student, including a student from a protected class as defined in Oregon Revised Statute 659.850.

The principal shall, in determining appropriate disciplinary action, consider:

- 1. Immediately removing from the classroom setting any student who has threatened to injure another person or to severely damage district property;
- 2. Placing the student in a setting where the behavior will receive immediate attention from an administrator, counselor, licensed mental health professional or others;
- 3. Requiring the student to be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional before allowing the student to return to the classroom setting¹.

The district may enter into contracts with licensed mental health professionals to perform student evaluations. Funds for evaluations, other disciplinary options or other procedures as may be required by law and this policy shall be provided by the district.

A student removed from the classroom setting for an evaluation may not be removed for more than 10 school days unless the principal is able to show good cause that an evaluation could not be completed in that time period.

The superintendent or designee shall attempt to notify:

- 1. The parent or guardian of a student when the student's name appears on a targeted list at school that threatens violence or harm to the students on the list, or when threats of violence or harm to the student are made by another student at school;
- 2. Any district employee whose name appears on a targeted list at school threatening violence or harm to the district employee and when threats of violence or harm are made by a student or others at school.

The superintendent or designee shall attempt to notify the above persons by telephone or in person promptly and within 12 hours of discovery of a targeted list or learning of a threat. Regardless, the superintendent or designee shall issue a written follow-up notification within 24 hours of discovery of a targeted list or learning of a threat.

The principal will provide necessary information regarding threats of violence to law enforcement, child protective services and healthcare professionals in connection with a health and safety emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals. Additionally, the principal may provide such information to other school officials, including teachers within the district or other districts who have a legitimate educational interest in the student(s) consistent with state and federal education records laws and district policies.

The district or person participating in good faith in making the notification required by ORS 339.327 is immune from any liability, civil or criminal, that might otherwise be incurred or imposed with respect to the making or content of the notification.

As a part of the district's proactive safety efforts, the superintendent will plan staff development activities designed to alert staff to early warning signs of possible violent behavior. Students so identified shall be referred to a counselor, licensed mental health professional and/or multidisciplinary team for evaluation and follow-up as appropriate.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

<u>ORS 161</u> .015	ORS 339.250	OAR 581-053-0230(9)(k)
ORS 166.210 - 166.370	ORS 339.327	OAR 581-053-0330(1)(r)
ORS 332.107		OAR 581-053-0430(17)
ORS 339.115	OAR 581-021-0050 - 021-0075	OAR 581-053-0531(16)
ORS 339.240	OAR 581-053-0010(5)	OAR 581-053-0630

Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990, 18 U.S.C. §§ 921(a)(25)-(26), 922(q) (2018). Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400-1419 (2018). Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2018); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2019).

Cross Reference(s):

GBNA - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Menacing — Staff JFCF - Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence/Domestic Violence — Student JFCJ - Weapons in the Schools