

**POLICY TITLE:      RELATIONSHIP ABUSE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION  
AND RESPONSE**

Background

The Board endeavors to take steps to prevent and respond to known instances of relationship abuse and sexual assault. Such conduct by students, or third parties, is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated on District premises, or at any District sponsored activity, regardless of location including, but not limited to buildings, facilities, and grounds on the District campus, school buses, District parking areas, and the location of any District sponsored activity. This includes instances in which the conduct occurs off the District premises, but impacts a District related activity.

Relationship abuse includes the intentional use of physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse or violence by a person to harm, threaten, intimidate, or control another person in a current or past dating relationship. Sexual assault includes sexual violence, sexual abuse, sexual stalking, and rape.

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

Students or third parties may also be referred to law enforcement officials. Should the District or any of its' employees have reason to believe that a child under the age of eighteen (18) year of age has been abused, abandoned, or neglected or has been subjected to conditions which would reasonably result in abuse, abandonment, or neglect, the school shall follow appropriate reporting requirements pursuant to the Child Protective Act.

The Superintendent is hereby directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy. Procedures shall include descriptions of prohibited conduct, the definition of abuse pursuant to the Child Protective Act, reporting and investigative procedures, prevention and response procedures, and provisions to ensure notice of this policy is provided to students.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

**I.C. § 16-1601 et seq.      Child Protective Act  
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Questions and Answers on Title IX and Sexual Violence, U.S.  
Department of Education Office for Civil Rights**

**POLICY HISTORY:**

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