Commitment, Excellence, Community NEWBERG PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICY UPDATE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA Tuesday February 21st, 2023 6:00 p.m.

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

3.0 REPORTS & DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Policy UpdateReview the following policies:
GBN/JBA (Staff) – Sexual Harassment – Required
JBA/GBN (Student) – Sexual Harassment – Required
JFCF – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, Domestic Violence – Student. – Required
ACB – All Student Belong
KAB – Parental Rights
KAB-AR – Parental Rights

4.0 FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

5.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS/OTHER

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

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Policy Updates- First Reading

Policy Update is a quarterly subscription newsletter providing a brief discussion of current policy issues of concern to Oregon school districts. Sample policies reflecting these issues and changes in state and federal law, if applicable, are part of this newsletter.

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

(Policies that start with the letter G is staff centered) **Summary**

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Local District Responsibility

If policy GBN/JBA is included in the board's manual, consider updating and readopting.

Policy(ies) and ARs Impacted by these Revisions

GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment - Required

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JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment - Required

HAZING, HARRASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING, MENACING, CYBERBULLYING, TEEN DATING VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – STUDENT

Summary

Oregon law mandates that school districts adopt policies prohibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying and acts of cyberbullying

The law requires school boards to include the following in district policies:

- A statement prohibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying
- A definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying
- A definition of protected class
- A description of the type of behavior expected from students
- A statement of the consequences and remedial action for persons who violate the policy
- Uniform procedure for reporting and prompt investigation of acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying
- A review procedure for actions of a school responding/investigating a reported act of harassment, intimidation or bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying
- A statement prohibiting reprisal or retaliation
- A statement of consequences and appropriate remedial action for a false accusation
- A statement of how the policy will be publicized
- An identification by job title of school and district officials responsible for policy implementation

• A statement that prevention training for acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying and acts of cyberbullying and domestic violence will be incorporated into training programs for students.

Local District Responsibility

The Board should review the recommended changes to required policy – JFCF – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, Domestic Violence – Student, and adopt the changes.

Policy(ies) and ARs Impacted by these Revisions

JFCF – Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Menacing, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, Domestic Violence – Student - Required

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Sexual Harassment

The Board is committed to the elimination of sexual harassment in district schools and activities. Sexual harassment is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated. This includes sexual harassment of students, staff members, or third parties who are on or immediately adjacent to school grounds, at any district-sponsored activity, on any district-provided transportation or at any official district bus stop, by other students, staff members, Board members or third parties. "Third parties" include, but are not limited to, 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. "District" includes district facilities, district-approved or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the jurisdiction of the district or where the staff member is engaged in district business.

Sexual harassment of students and staff members shall include, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- 1. The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of demanding sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
- 2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication is used as the basis for educational decisions affecting a student or employment or assignment of staff members;
- 3. The conduct or communication is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or with a staff member's ability to perform job responsibilities; or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile educational or working environment. Relevant factors to be considered shall include, but not be limited to, did the individual view the environment as hostile; was it reasonable to view the environment as hostile; the nature of the conduct; how often the conduct occurred and how long it continued; age and sex of the complainant; whether the alleged harasser was in a position of power over the student or staff member subjected to the harassment; number of individuals involved; age of the alleged harasser; where the harassment occurred; and other incidents of sexual harassment at the school involving the same or other students, staff members or third parties.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature, displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings, pictures and written materials, sexual gestures, or obscene jokes, touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexuality in front of others or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity, or performance.

All complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. Any students, staff members or third parties who has have knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels they are a victim of sexual harassment must immediately report their concerns to the building principal,

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compliance officer or superintendent, who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Students may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor, or school nurse, who shall promptly notify the appropriate district official.

Upon receipt of a complaint by a student, student's parents, a staff member or a third party alleging behavior that may violate this policy, the district shall provide written notice as required by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.704(4) to the complainant.

The student and/or the student's parents, the or staff member or the third party who initiated the complaint shall be notified that the investigation has been concluded and as to whether a violation of this policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable under state and federal confidentiality laws.

The initiation of a complaint in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy may not adversely affect the educational assignments or educational environment of a student complainant, any terms or conditions of employment or work environment of the staff member complainant or any terms or conditions of employment or of work or educational environment of a third-party complainant. There shall be no retaliation by the district against any person who, in good faith, reports, files a complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry of sexual harassment.

It is the intent of the Board that appropriate corrective action shall be taken by the district to stop the sexual harassment, prevent its recurrence and address negative consequences. Students in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or counseling or sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. The age and maturity of the student(s) involved and other relevant factors shall be considered in determining appropriate action. Staff members in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal and/or additional sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. Other individuals 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.

Additionally, the district may report individuals in violation of this policy to law enforcement officials. Licensed staff, staff registered with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and those participating in practicum programs, as specified by Oregon Administrative Rules, shall be reported to TSPC.

The superintendent shall ensure appropriate periodic sexual harassment awareness training or information is provided to all supervisors, staff members and students and that annually, the name and position of district officials responsible for accepting and managing sexual harassment complaints, business phone numbers, addresses or other necessary contact information is readily available. This policy as well as the complaint procedure shall be made available upon request to all students, parents of students, staff members and third parties, posted on the district's website and published in student/parent and staff handbooks. The district's policy shall be posted on a sign in all district buildings. Such posting shall be by a sign of at least 8 ¹/₂" by 11".

The superintendent shall establish a process of reporting incidents of sexual harassment.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

<u>ORS 243</u> .706	<u>ORS 342</u> .865
<u>ORS 342</u> .700	<u>ORS 659</u> .850
<u>ORS 342</u> .704	<u>ORS 659A</u> .006
<u>ORS 342</u> .708	<u>ORS 659A</u> .029
<u>ORS 342</u> .850	<u>ORS 659A</u> .030

OAR 581-021-0038 OAR 584-020-0040 OAR 584-020-0041

HB 4150 (2018)

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

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2012). Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2012); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2017). Bartsch v. Elkton School District, FDA-13-011 (March 27, 2014).

Cross Reference(s):

GBNA - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Menacing/Bullying Cyberbullying – Staff and Third Party JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Menacing/Dating Violence/Domestic Violence/Bullying/Cyberbullying – Student

OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: Adopted: GBN/JBA

Sexual Harassment

The district is committed to eliminating sexual harassment. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the district. All students, staff members and other persons are entitled to learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment. All staff members, students and third parties are subject to this policy. Any person may report sexual harassment.

The district processes complaints or reports of sexual harassment under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.700 et. al. and federal Title IX laws found in Title 34 C.F.R. Part 106. Individual complaints may require both of these procedures, and may involve additional complaint procedures.

General Procedures

When information, a report or complaint regarding sexual harassment is received by the district, the district will review such information, report or complaint to determine which law applies and will follow the appropriate procedures. When the alleged conduct could meet both of the definitions in ORS Chapter 342 and Title IX, both complaint procedures should be processed simultaneously (*see JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure and JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure).* The district may also need to use other complaint procedures when the alleged conduct could meet the definitions for other complaint procedures.

OREGON DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES

Oregon Definition

Sexual harassment of students, staff members or third parties¹ shall include:

- 1. A demand or request for sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
- 2. Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that is physical, verbal, or nonverbal and that:
 - a. Interferes with a student's educational activity or program;
 - b. Interferes with a school or district staff member's ability to perform their job; or
 - c. Creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile environment.
- 3. Assault when sexual contact occurs without the student's, staff member's or third party's consent because the student, staff member of third party is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is unconscious or is pressured through physical force, coercion or explicit or implied threats.

Sexual harassment does not include conduct that is necessary because of a job duty of a school or district staff member or because of a service required to be provided by a contractor, agent, or volunteer, if the conduct is not the product of sexual intent or a person finding another person, or another person's action, offensive because of that other person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

¹ "Third party" means a person who is not a student or a school or district staff member and who is: 1) on or immediately adjacent to school grounds or district property; 2) At a school-sponsored activity or program; or 3) Off school grounds or district property if a student or a school or district staff member acts toward the person in a manner that creates a hostile environment for the person while on school or district property, or at a school- or district-sponsored activity.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature; displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings; pictures and written materials; sexual gestures or obscene jokes; touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexual behaviors in front of others; or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity or performance.

Oregon Procedures

Reports and complaints of sexual harassment should be made to the following individual(s):

Name	Position	Phone	Email
Stephen Phillips	Superintendent	503.554.5041	phillipss@newberg.k12.or.us
Scott Linenberger	HR Director	503.554.5021	linenbergers@newberg.k12.or.us
Anthony Buckner	Director of Special Programs	503.554.5007	bucknera@newberg.k12.or.us
Jillian Felizarta	Director of Teaching & Learn	ning 503.554.5037	felizartaj@newberg.k12.or.us
Tami Erion	Principal High School	503.554.4449	eriont@newberg.k12.or.us
Andrew DeBois	Principal CVMS	503.554.4600	deboisa@newberg.k12.or.us
Jennifer Bailey	Principal MVMS	503.554.4504	baileyj@newberg.k12.or.us
Chris Stevens	Principal Catalyst	503.554.4410	stevensc@newberg.k12.or.us
Emily Chadwick	Principal Antonia Crater Elen	n 503.554.4654	chadwicke@newberg.k12.or.us
Tim Wright	Principal Dundee Elem	503.554.4854	wrightt@newberg.k12.or.us
Nicole Love	Principal Edwards Elem	503.554.5054	loven@newberg.k12.or.us
Brian Wood	Principal Ewing Young Elem	503.554.4754	woodb@newberg.k12.or.us
Ashley Lee	Principal Joan Austin Elem	503.554.4554	leea@newberg.k12.or.us
Tim Lauer	Principal Mabel Rush Elem	503.554.4454	lauert@newberg.k12.or.us

This/These individual(s) is/are responsible for accepting and managing complaints of sexual harassment. Persons wishing to report should contact them using the above information. *See* JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

Response

Any staff member who becomes aware of behavior that may violate this policy shall report to a district official. The district official (with coordination involving the reporting staff member when appropriate) will take any action necessary to ensure the:

- 1. Student is protected and to promote a nonhostile learning environment;
- 2. Staff member is protected and to promote a nonhostile work environment; or
- 3. Third party who is subjected to the behavior is protected and to promote a nonhostile environment.

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This includes providing resources for support measures to the student, staff member or third party who was subjected to the behavior and taking any actions necessary to remove potential future impact on the student, staff member or third party, but are not retaliatory against the student, staff member or third party being harassed or the person who reported to the district official.

Any student or staff member who feels they are a victim of sexual harassment are encouraged to report their concerns to district officials, this includes officials such as the principal, compliance officer or superintendent. Students may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor or school nurse, who will promptly notify the appropriate district official.

Investigation

All reports and complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be investigated. The district may use, but is not limited to, the following means for investigating incidents of possible harassment:

- 1. Interviews with those involved;
- 2. Interviews with witnesses;
- 3. Review of video surveillance;
- 4. Review of written communications, including electronic communications;
- 5. Review of any physical evidence; and
- 6. Use of third-party investigator.

The district will use a reasonable suspicion standard when determining whether a hostile environment exists. The district may take, but is not limited to, the following procedures and remedial action to address and stop sexual harassment:

- 1. Discipline of staff and students engaging in sexual harassment;
- 2. Removal of third parties engaged in sexual harassment;
- 3. Additional supervision in activities;
- 4. Additional controls for district electronic systems;
- 5. Trainings and education for staff and students; and
- 6. Increased notifications regarding district procedures and resources.

When a student or staff member is harassed by a third party, the district will consider the following:

- 1. Removing that third party's ability to contract or volunteer with the district, or be present on district property;
- 2. If the third party works for an entity that contracts with the district, communicating with the third party's employer;
- 3. If the third party is a student of another district or school, communicate information related to the incident to the other district or school;
- 4. Limiting attendance at district events; and

Providing for additional supervision, including law enforcement if necessary, at district events.
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No Retaliation

Retaliation against persons who initiate complaint or otherwise report sexual harassment or who participate in an investigation or other related activities is prohibited. The initiation of a complaint, reporting of behavior, or participation in an investigation, in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy may not adversely affect the:

- 1. Educational assignments or educational environment of a student or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation; or
- 2. Any terms or conditions of employment or of work or educational environment of a school or district staff member or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation.

Students who initiate a complaint or otherwise report harassment covered by the policy or who participate in an investigation may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered because of the report or investigation, unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct.

Notice

When a person² who may have been affected by this policy files a complaint or otherwise reports behavior that may violate the policy, the district shall provide written notification to the following:

- 1. Each reporting person;
- 2. If appropriate, any impacted person who is not a reporting person;
- 3. Each reported person; and
- 4. Where applicable, a parent or legal guardian of a reporting person, impacted person, or reported person.

The written notification must include³:

- 1. Name and contact information for all person designated by the district to receive complaints;
- 2. The rights of the person that the notification is going to;
- 3. Information about the internal complaint processes available through the school or district that the person who filed the complaint may pursue, including the person designated for the school or district for receiving complaints and any timelines.
- 4. Notice that civil and criminal remedies that are not provided by the school or district may be available to the person through the legal system and that those remedies may be subject to statutes of limitation;

² Student, staff member, or third party, or if applicable, the student or third party's parent. If the person is a minor, the district should consider when to contact the person's parent.

³ Remember confidentiality laws when providing any information.

- 5. Information about services available to the student or staff member through the school or district, including any counseling services, nursing services or peer advising;
- 6. Information about the privacy rights of the person and legally recognized exceptions to those rights for internal complaint processes and services available through the school or district;
- 7. Information about, and contact information for, services and resources that are available to the person, including but not limited to:
 - a. For the reporting person, state and community-based resources for persons who have experienced sexual harassment; or
 - b. For the reported persons, information about and contact information for state and communitybased mental health services.
- 8. Notice that students who report about possible prohibited conduct and students who participate in an investigation under this policy may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered as a result of a prohibited conduct report or investigation unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct; and
- 9. Prohibition of retaliation.

Notification, to the extent allowable under state and federal student confidentiality laws, must be provided when the investigation is initiated and concluded. The notification at the conclusion must include whether a violation of the policy was found to have occurred.

The notice must:

- 1. Be written in plain language that is easy to understand;
- 2. Use print that is of a color, size and font that allows the notification to be easily read; and
- 3. Be made available to students, students' parents, staff members and member of the public at each office, at the district office and on the website of the school or district.

FEDERAL DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES

Federal Definition

Sexual harassment means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

- 1. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
- 2. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity⁴;
- 3. "Sexual assault": an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

⁴ "Education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the recipient exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs." (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a))

- 4. "Dating violence": violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship;
- 5. "Domestic Violence": felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction; or
- 6. "Stalking": engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person fear for the person's own safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.

This definition only applies to sex discrimination occurring against a person who is a subject of this policy in the United States. A district's treatment of a complainant or a respondent in response to a formal complaint of sexual harassment may constitute discrimination on the basis of sex under Title IX.

Federal Procedures

The district will adopt and publish grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of the student and employee complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited by this policy. *See* JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

Reporting

Any person may report sexual harassment. This report may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. The report can be made at any time.

The Title IX Coordinator will coordinate the district's efforts to comply with its responsibilities related to this AR. The district prominently will display the contact information for the Title IX Coordinator on the district website and in each handbook.

Response

The district will promptly respond to information, allegations or reports of sexual harassment when there is actual knowledge of such harassment, even if a formal complaint has not been filed.⁵ The district shall treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing supportive measures⁶ to the complainant and by following a grievance procedure⁷ prior to imposing any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

The Title IX Coordinator must promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes, with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.⁸

If after an individualized safety and risk analysis, it is determined that there is an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any person, an emergency removal of the respondent can take place.⁹ The district must provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. A non-student employee may also be placed on non-disciplinary administrative leave pending the grievance process.

Notice

The district shall provide notice to all applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the following:

- 1. The name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator(s);
- 2. That the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX. This includes admissions and employment; and
- 3. The grievance procedure and process, how to file a formal complaint of sex discrimination or sexual harassment, and how the district will respond.

No Retaliation

⁷ This grievance procedure must meet the requirements of Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.45 (included in accompanying administrative regulation, *see* JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure).

⁵ Title 34 C.F.R. §106.44(a) Response cannot be deliberately indifferent. A recipient is deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

⁶ Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a) Supportive measures means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the recipient's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment.⁶ The district must maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the recipient to provide supportive measures. (Title 34 C.F.R. § 99.30(a)

⁸ The Title IX Coordinator may also discuss that the Title IX Coordinator has the ability to file a formal complaint.

⁹ The district may still have obligations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(c)

Neither the district or any person may retaliate¹⁰ against an individual for reporting, testifying, providing evidence, being a complainant, otherwise participating or refusing to participate in any investigation or process in accordance with this procedure. The district must keep confidential the identity of parties and participating persons, except as disclosure is allowed under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as required by law, or to carry out the proceedings herein. Complaints of retaliation may be filed using these procedures.

Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding does not constitute retaliation.

Publication

This policy shall be made available to students, parents of students and staff members. This policy shall be prominently published in the district student handbook and on the district website. This policy shall also be made available at each school office and at the district office. The district shall post this policy on a sign in all grade 6 through 12 schools, on a sign that is at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size. A copy of the policy will be made available to any person upon request.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

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¹⁰ Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, intimidation, threats, coercion, and discrimination.

Newberg School District 29J

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Sexual harassment of students and staff members shall include, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, nonverbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:

- 1. The conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of demanding sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
- 2. Submission to or rejection of the conduct or communication is used as the basis for educational decisions affecting a student or employment or assignment of staff members;
- 3. The conduct or communication is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's educational performance or with a staff member's ability to perform job responsibilities; or creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile educational or working environment. Relevant factors to be considered shall include, but not be limited to, did the individual view the environment as hostile; was it reasonable to view the environment as hostile; the nature of the conduct; how often the conduct occurred and how long it continued; age and sex of the complainant; whether the alleged harasser was in a position of power over the student or staff member subjected to the harassment; number of individuals involved; age of the alleged harasser; where the harassment occurred; and other incidents of sexual harassment at the school involving the same or other students, staff members or third parties.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature, displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings, pictures and written materials, sexual gestures, or obscene jokes, touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexuality in front of others or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity, or performance.

All complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be promptly investigated. Any students, staff members or third parties who has have knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy or feels they are a victim of sexual harassment must immediately report their concerns to the building principal, compliance officer or superintendent, who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Students may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor, or school nurse, who shall promptly notify the appropriate district official.

Upon receipt of a complaint by a student, student's parents, a staff member or a third party alleging behavior that may violate this policy, the district shall provide written notice as required by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.704(4) to the complainant.

The student and/or the student's parents, the Θ staff member or the third party who initiated the complaint shall be notified that the investigation has been concluded and as to whether a violation of this policy was found to have occurred to the extent allowable under state and federal confidentiality laws.

The initiation of a complaint in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy may not adversely affect the educational assignments or educational environment of a student complainant, any terms or conditions of employment or work environment of the staff member complainant or any terms or conditions of employment or of work or educational environment of a third-party complainant. There shall be no retaliation by the district against any person who, in good faith, reports, files a complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry of sexual harassment.

It is the intent of the Board that appropriate corrective action shall be taken by the district to stop the sexual harassment, prevent its recurrence and address negative consequences. Students in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion and/or counseling or sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. The age and maturity of the student(s) involved and other relevant factors shall be considered in determining appropriate action. Staff members in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal and/or additional sexual harassment awareness training, as appropriate. Other individuals 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.

Additionally, the district may report individuals in violation of this policy to law enforcement officials. Licensed staff, staff registered with the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and those participating in practicum programs, as specified by Oregon Administrative Rules, shall be reported to TSPC.

The superintendent shall ensure appropriate periodic sexual harassment awareness training or information is provided to all supervisors, staff members and students and that annually, the name and position of district officials responsible for accepting and managing sexual harassment complaints, business phone numbers, addresses or other necessary contact information is readily available. This policy as well as the complaint procedure shall be made available upon request to all students, parents of students, staff members and third parties, posted on the district's website and published in student/parent and staff handbooks. The district's policy shall be posted on a sign in all district buildings. Such posting shall be by a sign of at least 8 ¹/₂" by 11".

The superintendent shall establish a process of reporting incidents of sexual harassment.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):		
<u>ORS 243</u> .706	<u>ORS 342</u> .865	<u>OAR 581-021</u> -0038
<u>ORS 342</u> .700	<u>ORS 659</u> .850	<u>OAR 584-020</u> -0040
<u>ORS 342</u> .704	<u>ORS 659A</u> .006	<u>OAR 584-020</u> -0041
<u>ORS 342</u> .708	<u>ORS 659A</u> .029	
ORS 342.850	ORS 659A.030	HB 4150 (2018)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2012). Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e (2012). Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2012); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2017). Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ., 526 U.S. 629 (1999). Gebser v. Lago Vista Indep. Sch. Dist., 524 U.S. 274 (1998).

Cross Reference(s):

GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment JFCF - Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Menacing/Dating Violence/Domestic Violence/Bullying/Cyberbullying - Student

OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: Adopted: JBA/GBN

Sexual Harassment

The district is committed to eliminating sexual harassment. Sexual harassment will not be tolerated in the district. All students, staff members and other persons are entitled to learn and work in an environment that is free of harassment. All staff members, students and third parties are subject to this policy. Any person may report sexual harassment.

The district processes complaints or reports of sexual harassment under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.700 et. al. and federal Title IX laws found in Title 34 C.F.R. Part 106. Individual complaints may require both of these procedures, and may involve additional complaint procedures.

General Procedures

When information, a report or complaint regarding sexual harassment is received by the district, the district will review such information, report or complaint to determine which law applies and will follow the appropriate procedures. When the alleged conduct could meet both of the definitions in ORS Chapter 342 and Title IX, both complaint procedures should be processed simultaneously (*see JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure and JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure).* The district may also need to use other complaint procedures when the alleged conduct could meet the definitions for other complaint procedures.

OREGON DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES

Oregon Definition

Sexual harassment of students, staff members or third parties¹ shall include:

- 1. A demand or request for sexual favors in exchange for benefits;
- 2. Unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature that is physical, verbal, or nonverbal and that:
 - a. Interferes with a student's educational activity or program;
 - b. Interferes with a school or district staff member's ability to perform their job; or
 - c. Creates an intimidating, offensive or hostile environment.
- 3. Assault when sexual contact occurs without the student's, staff member's or third party's consent because the student, staff member of third party is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, is unconscious or is pressured through physical force, coercion or explicit or implied threats.

Sexual harassment does not include conduct that is necessary because of a job duty of a school or district staff member or because of a service required to be provided by a contractor, agent, or volunteer, if the conduct is not the product of sexual intent or a person finding another person, or another person's action, offensive because of that other person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

¹ "Third party" means a person who is not a student or a school or district staff member and who is: 1) on or immediately adjacent to school grounds or district property; 2) At a school-sponsored activity or program; or 3) Off school grounds or district property if a student or a school or district staff member acts toward the person in a manner that creates a hostile environment for the person while on school or district property, or at a school- or district-sponsored activity.

Examples of sexual harassment may include, but not be limited to, physical touching or graffiti of a sexual nature; displaying or distributing of sexually explicit drawings; pictures and written materials; sexual gestures or obscene jokes; touching oneself sexually or talking about one's sexual behaviors in front of others; or spreading rumors about or rating other students or others as to appearance, sexual activity or performance.

Oregon Procedures

Reports and complaints of sexual harassment should be made to the following individual(s):

Name	Position	Phone	Email
Stephen Phillips	Superintendent	503.554.5041	phillipss@newberg.k12.or.us
Scott Linenberger	HR Director	503.554.5021	linenbergers@newberg.k12.or.us
Anthony Buckner	Director of Special Programs	503.554.5007	bucknera@newberg.k12.or.us
Jillian Felizarta	Director of Teaching & Learn	ning 503.554.5037	felizartaj@newberg.k12.or.us
Tami Erion	Principal High School	503.554.4449	eriont@newberg.k12.or.us
Andrew DeBois	Principal CVMS	503.554.4600	deboisa@newberg.k12.or.us
Jennifer Bailey	Principal MVMS	503.554.4504	baileyj@newberg.k12.or.us
Chris Stevens	Principal Catalyst	503.554.4410	stevensc@newberg.k12.or.us
Emily Chadwick	Principal Antonia Crater Elen	n 503.554.4654	chadwicke@newberg.k12.or.us
Tim Wright	Principal Dundee Elem	503.554.4854	wrightt@newberg.k12.or.us
Nicole Love	Principal Edwards Elem	503.554.5054	loven@newberg.k12.or.us
Brian Wood	Principal Ewing Young Elem	503.554.4754	woodb@newberg.k12.or.us
Ashley Lee	Principal Joan Austin Elem	503.554.4554	leea@newberg.k12.or.us
Tim Lauer	Principal Mabel Rush Elem	503.554.4454	lauert@newberg.k12.or.us

This/These individual(s) is/are responsible for accepting and managing complaints of sexual harassment. Persons wishing to report should contact them using the above information. *See* JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

Response

Any staff member who becomes aware of behavior that may violate this policy shall report to a district official. The district official (with coordination involving the reporting staff member when appropriate) will take any action necessary to ensure the:

- 1. Student is protected and to promote a nonhostile learning environment;
- 2. Staff member is protected and to promote a nonhostile work environment; or
- 3. Third party who is subjected to the behavior is protected and to promote a nonhostile environment.

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This includes providing resources for support measures to the student, staff member or third party who was subjected to the behavior and taking any actions necessary to remove potential future impact on the student, staff member or third party, but are not retaliatory against the student, staff member or third party being harassed or the person who reported to the district official.

Any student or staff member who feels they are a victim of sexual harassment are encouraged to report their concerns to district officials, this includes officials such as the principal, compliance officer or superintendent. Students may also report concerns to a teacher, counselor or school nurse, who will promptly notify the appropriate district official.

Investigation

All reports and complaints about behavior that may violate this policy shall be investigated. The district may use, but is not limited to, the following means for investigating incidents of possible harassment:

- 1. Interviews with those involved;
- 2. Interviews with witnesses;
- 3. Review of video surveillance;
- 4. Review of written communications, including electronic communications;
- 5. Review of any physical evidence; and
- 6. Use of third-party investigator.

The district will use a reasonable suspicion standard when determining whether a hostile environment exists. The district may take, but is not limited to, the following procedures and remedial action to address and stop sexual harassment:

- 7. Discipline of staff and students engaging in sexual harassment;
- 8. Removal of third parties engaged in sexual harassment;
- 9. Additional supervision in activities;
- 10. Additional controls for district electronic systems;
- 11. Trainings and education for staff and students; and
- 12. Increased notifications regarding district procedures and resources.

When a student or staff member is harassed by a third party, the district will consider the following:

- 13. Removing that third party's ability to contract or volunteer with the district, or be present on district property;
- 14. If the third party works for an entity that contracts with the district, communicating with the third party's employer;
- 15. If the third party is a student of another district or school, communicate information related to the incident to the other district or school;
- 16. Limiting attendance at district events; and

Providing for additional supervision, including law enforcement if necessary, at district events.
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 Sexual Harassment – JBA/GBN

No Retaliation

Retaliation against persons who initiate complaint or otherwise report sexual harassment or who participate in an investigation or other related activities is prohibited. The initiation of a complaint, reporting of behavior, or participation in an investigation, in good faith about behavior that may violate this policy may not adversely affect the:

- 18. Educational assignments or educational environment of a student or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation; or
- 19. Any terms or conditions of employment or of work or educational environment of a school or district staff member or other person initiating the complaint, reporting the behavior, or participating in the investigation.

Students who initiate a complaint or otherwise report harassment covered by the policy or who participate in an investigation may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered because of the report or investigation, unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct.

Notice

When a person² who may have been affected by this policy files a complaint or otherwise reports behavior that may violate the policy, the district shall provide written notification to the following:

- 20. Each reporting person;
- 21. If appropriate, any impacted person who is not a reporting person;
- 22. Each reported person; and
- 23. Where applicable, a parent or legal guardian of a reporting person, impacted person, or reported person.

The written notification must include³:

- 24. Name and contact information for all person designated by the district to receive complaints;
- 25. The rights of the person that the notification is going to;
- 26. Information about the internal complaint processes available through the school or district that the person who filed the complaint may pursue, including the person designated for the school or district for receiving complaints and any timelines.
- 27. Notice that civil and criminal remedies that are not provided by the school or district may be available to the person through the legal system and that those remedies may be subject to statutes of limitation;

² Student, staff member, or third party, or if applicable, the student or third party's parent. If the person is a minor, the district should consider when to contact the person's parent.

³ Remember confidentiality laws when providing any information.

- 28. Information about services available to the student or staff member through the school or district, including any counseling services, nursing services or peer advising;
- 29. Information about the privacy rights of the person and legally recognized exceptions to those rights for internal complaint processes and services available through the school or district;
- 30. Information about, and contact information for, services and resources that are available to the person, including but not limited to:
 - a. For the reporting person, state and community-based resources for persons who have experienced sexual harassment; or
 - b. For the reported persons, information about and contact information for state and communitybased mental health services.
- 31. Notice that students who report about possible prohibited conduct and students who participate in an investigation under this policy may not be disciplined for violations of the district's drug and alcohol policies that occurred in connection with the reported prohibited conduct and that were discovered as a result of a prohibited conduct report or investigation unless the student gave another person alcohol or drugs without the person's knowledge and with the intent of causing the person to become incapacitated and vulnerable to the prohibited conduct; and
- 32. Prohibition of retaliation.

Notification, to the extent allowable under state and federal student confidentiality laws, must be provided when the investigation is initiated and concluded. The notification at the conclusion must include whether a violation of the policy was found to have occurred.

The notice must:

- 33. Be written in plain language that is easy to understand;
- 34. Use print that is of a color, size and font that allows the notification to be easily read; and
- 35. Be made available to students, students' parents, staff members and member of the public at each office, at the district office and on the website of the school or district.

FEDERAL DEFINITION AND PROCEDURES

Federal Definition

Sexual harassment means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

- 36. An employee of the district conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the district on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
- 37. Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the district's education program or activity⁴;
- 38. "Sexual assault": an offense classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

⁴ "Education program or activity" includes locations, events, or circumstances over which the recipient exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs." (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a))

- 39. "Dating violence": violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship;
- 40. "Domestic Violence": felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant monies, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction; or
- 41. "Stalking": engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person fear for the person's own safety or the safety of others, or suffer substantial emotional distress.

This definition only applies to sex discrimination occurring against a person who is a subject of this policy in the United States. A district's treatment of a complainant or a respondent in response to a formal complaint of sexual harassment may constitute discrimination on the basis of sex under Title IX.

Federal Procedures

The district will adopt and publish grievance procedures that provide for the prompt and equitable resolution of the student and employee complaints alleging any action that would be prohibited by this policy. *See* JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure.

Reporting

Any person may report sexual harassment. This report may be made in person, by mail, by telephone, or by electronic mail, or by any other means that results in the Title IX Coordinator receiving the person's verbal or written report. The report can be made at any time.

The Title IX Coordinator will coordinate the district's efforts to comply with its responsibilities related to this AR. The district prominently will display the contact information for the Title IX Coordinator on the district website and in each handbook.

Response

The district will promptly respond to information, allegations or reports of sexual harassment when there is actual knowledge of such harassment, even if a formal complaint has not been filed.⁵ The district shall treat complainants and respondents equitably by providing supportive measures⁶ to the complainant and by following a grievance procedure⁷ prior to imposing any disciplinary sanctions or other actions that are not supportive measures against a respondent. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the effective implementation of supportive measures.

The Title IX Coordinator must promptly contact the complainant to discuss the availability of supportive measures, consider the complainant's wishes, with respect to supportive measures, inform the complainant of the availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, and explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.⁸

If after an individualized safety and risk analysis, it is determined that there is an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of any person, an emergency removal of the respondent can take place.⁹ The district must provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal. A non-student employee may also be placed on non-disciplinary administrative leave pending the grievance process.

Notice

The district shall provide notice to all applicants for admission and employment, students, parents or legal guardians, employees, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the district of the following:

- 42. The name or title, office address, electronic mail address, and telephone number of the Title IX Coordinator(s);
- 43. That the district does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX. This includes admissions and employment; and
- 44. The grievance procedure and process, how to file a formal complaint of sex discrimination or sexual harassment, and how the district will respond.

No Retaliation

⁷ This grievance procedure must meet the requirements of Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.45 (included in accompanying administrative regulation, *see* JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure).

⁵ Title 34 C.F.R. §106.44(a) Response cannot be deliberately indifferent. A recipient is deliberately indifferent only if its response to sexual harassment is clearly unreasonable in light of the known circumstances.

⁶ Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(a) Supportive measures means non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. Such measures are designed to restore or preserve equal access to the recipient's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the district's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment.⁶ The district must maintain as confidential any supportive measures provided to the complainant or respondent, to the extent that maintaining such confidentiality would not impair the ability of the recipient to provide supportive measures. (Title 34 C.F.R. § 99.30(a)

⁸ The Title IX Coordinator may also discuss that the Title IX Coordinator has the ability to file a formal complaint.

⁹ The district may still have obligations under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). (Title 34 C.F.R. § 106.44(c)

Neither the district or any person may retaliate¹⁰ against an individual for reporting, testifying, providing evidence, being a complainant, otherwise participating or refusing to participate in any investigation or process in accordance with this procedure. The district must keep confidential the identity of parties and participating persons, except as disclosure is allowed under Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as required by law, or to carry out the proceedings herein. Complaints of retaliation may be filed using these procedures.

Charging an individual with a code of conduct violation for making a materially false statement in bad faith in the course of a grievance proceeding does not constitute retaliation.

Publication

This policy shall be made available to students, parents of students and staff members. This policy shall be prominently published in the district student handbook and on the district website. This policy shall also be made available at each school office and at the district office. The district shall post this policy on a sign in all grade 6 through 12 schools, on a sign that is at least 8.5 inches by 11 inches in size. A copy of the policy will be made available to any person upon request.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

<u>ORS 243</u> .706	<u>ORS 342</u> .850
<u>ORS 332</u> .107	<u>ORS 342</u> .865
<u>ORS 342</u> .700	<u>ORS 659</u> .850
<u>ORS 342</u> .704	<u>ORS 659A</u> .006
<u>ORS 342</u> .708	<u>ORS 659A.029</u>

ORS 659A.030 OAR 581-021-0038 OAR 584-020-0040 OAR 584-020-0041

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018).

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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1683 (2018); Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance, 34 C.F.R. Part 106 (2020). Davis v. Monroe County Bd. of Educ., 526 U.S. 629 (1999). Gebser v. Lago Vista Indep. Sch. Dist., 524 U.S. 274 (1998).

¹⁰ Retaliation includes, but is not limited to, intimidation, threats, coercion, and discrimination.

Newberg School District 29J

Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Menacing/Dating Violence/Domestic Violence/Bullying/Cyberbullying – Student

The Board is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment. Hazing, harassment, dating violence, including teen dating violence, domestic violence, intimidation, menacing, bullying, and acts of cyberbullying, is unacceptable behavior by students and strictly 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. The District shall incorporate into staff training and into age-appropriate student education information related to the prevention of, and appropriate response to, acts of hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, dating violence, including teen dating violence, bullying, domestic violence and acts of cyberbullying.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion. The district may also file a request with the Oregon Department of Transportation to suspend the driving privileges or the right to apply for driving privileges of a student 15 years of age or older who has been suspended at least twice or expelled for assaulting or menacing another student, staff or third party, willful damage or injury to district property, or for the use of threats, intimidation, harassment or coercion against another student, staff or third party. Students may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 163.190 ORS 166.065 ORS 166.155 to -166.165 ORS 174.100(6) ORS 332.072 ORS 332.107 ORS 339.240 ORS 339.250 ORS 339.254 ORS 339.351 to -339.366

OAR 581-021-0045 OAR 581-021-0046 OAR 581-021-0055 OAR 581-022-1140

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

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

OSBA Model Sample Policy

Code: Adopted: JFCF

[Hazing,]Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, [Menacing,]Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, or Domestic Violence – Student (Version 2)

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

[Hazing,] [h]arassment, intimidation or bullying[, menacing], and acts of cyberbullying by students, staff, or third parties toward students is strictly prohibited in the district. Teen dating violence is unacceptable behavior and prohibited. Each student has the right to a safe learning environment.

Retaliation against any person who is a victim of, who reports, is thought to have reported, or files a complaint about an act of [hazing,] harassment, intimidation or bullying, [menacing,] an act of cyberbullying, or teen dating violence, or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is strictly prohibited. A person who engages in retaliatory behavior will be subject to consequences and appropriate remedial action. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in consequences and appropriate remedial action.

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.

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, staff, or third parties may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

The [principal and the] superintendent [are] [is] 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 jurisdiction of the district.

"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.

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[Hazing,]Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, [Menacing,]Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, or Domestic Violence – Student** – JFCF ["Hazing" includes, but is not limited to, any act that recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored activity or grade level attainment[.] [(i.e., personal servitude, sexual stimulation/sexual assault, forced consumption of any drink, alcoholic beverage, drug or controlled substance, forced exposure to the elements, forced prolonged exclusion from social contact, sleep deprivation or any other forced activity that could adversely affect the mental or physical health or safety of a student);] [requires, encourages, authorizes or permits another to be subject to wearing or carrying any obscene or physically burdensome article; or assignment of pranks to be performed or other such activities intended to degrade or humiliate.] It is not a defense against hazing that the student subjected to hazing consented to or appeared to consent to the hazing.]

"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, and 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; or
- 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 orientation⁺, gender identity, 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 between family and/or household members, as those terms are described in ORS 107.705.

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

"Retaliation" means any acts of, including but not limited to, [hazing,]harassment, intimidation or bullying,[menacing,], or cyberbullying toward the victim, a person in response to an actual or apparent

⁴ "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.

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reporting of, or participation in the investigation of, [hazing,] harassment, intimidation or bullying,[menacing,] teen dating violence, acts of cyberbullying, or retaliation.

["Menacing" includes, any act intended to place a district employee, student, or third party in fear of imminent serious physical injury.]

Reporting

The [employee position title²] will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any reported acts of [hazing,] harassment, intimidation or bullying,[menacing,] cyberbullying, or teen dating violence. Any employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy shall immediately report concerns to the [employee position title] who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any employee who has knowledge of teen dating violence that took place on district property, at a district-sponsored activity, or in a vehicle used for district-provided transportation shall immediately report the incident to the [employee position title]. Failure of an employee to report any act of [hazing,] harassment, intimidation or bullying[, menacing], cyberbullying, or teen dating violence to the [employee position title] 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 subjected to an act of [hazing,] harassment, intimidation or bullying,[menacing,] or cyberbullying or feel they have been a victim of teen dating violence in violation of this policy, is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the [employee position title] who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any volunteer who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the [employee position title]. A report made by a student or volunteer 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.

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

The person who makes the report shall be notified when the investigation has been completed and, as appropriate, the findings of the investigation and any remedial action that has been taken. The person who made the report may request that the [superintendent] review the actions taken in the initial investigation, in accordance with [administrative regulations] [district complaint procedures].

Notification to Parents or Guardians

The [employee position title] shall notify the parents or guardians of a student who was subject to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying, and the parents or guardians of a student who may have conducted an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying.

The notification must occur with involvement and consideration of the needs and concerns of the student who was the subject to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying. The notification is not required if the [employee position title] reasonably believes notification could endanger the student

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² [Required by ORS 339.356(2)(g). Other bracketed language regarding hazing and menacing exceeds the requirements of ORS 339.356 and is under Board authority ORS 332.107.]

who was subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying or if all of the following occur:

- 1. The student who was subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying requests that notification not be provided to the student's parents or guardians.
- 2. The [employee position title] determines that notification is not in the best interest of the student who was subjected to an act of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or cyberbullying; and
- 3. The [employee position title] informs the student that federal law may require the student's parents and guardians to have access to the student's education record, including any requests of nondisclosure (from item 1 above).

If the [employee position title] determines the notification is not in the best interest of the student, they must inform the student of that determination prior to providing notification.

When notification is provided, the notification must occur:

- 1. Within a reasonable period of time; or
- 2. Promptly, for acts that caused physical harm to the student.

Training and Education

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 and this policy.

The district shall incorporate age-appropriate education about teen dating violence and domestic violence into new or existing training programs for students in grades 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 and this policy.

Notice

The superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring annual notice of this policy is provided in a student or staff handbook, school and district's website, and school and district office[and the development of administrative regulations, including reporting and investigative procedures].[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 ODE.

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[<u>ORS 163</u>.190] [<u>ORS 163</u>.197] <u>ORS 107</u>.705 <u>ORS 166</u>.065 <u>ORS 166</u>.155 - 166.165 <u>ORS 174</u>.100(7)

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ORS 332.072 ORS 332.107 ORS 339.240 ORS 339.250 ORS 339.351 - 339.368 OAR 581-021-0045 OAR 581-021-0046 OAR 581-021-0055 OAR 581-022-2310 OAR 581-022-2370 House Bill 2631 (2021) House Bill 3041 (2021)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2012/2018).

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All Students Belong

All students are entitled to a high quality educational experience, free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

All employees are entitled to work in an environment that is free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

All visitors are entitled to participate in an environment that is free from discrimination or harassment based on perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.

"Bias incident" means a person's hostile expression of animus toward another person, relating to the other person's perceived race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin, of which criminal investigation or prosecution is impossible or inappropriate. Bias incidents may include derogatory language or behavior directed at or about any of the preceding demographic groups.

"Symbol of hate" means a symbol, image, or object that expresses animus on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability or national origin including, the noose, swastika, or confederate flag¹, and whose display:

- 1. Is reasonably likely to cause a substantial disruption of or material interference with school activities; or
- 2. Is reasonably likely to interfere with the rights of students by denying them full access to the services, activities, and opportunities offered by a school.

The district prohibits the use or display of any symbols of hate on district grounds or in any district- or school-sponsored program, service, school or activity that is funded in whole or in part by monies appropriated by the Oregon Legislative Assembly, except where used in teaching curriculum that is aligned to the Oregon State Standards.

In responding to the use of any symbols of hate, the district will use non-disciplinary remedial action whenever appropriate.

The district prohibits retaliation against an individual because that person has filed a charge, testified, assisted or participated in an investigation, proceeding or hearing; and further prohibits anyone from coercing, intimidating, threatening or interfering with an individual for exercising any rights guaranteed under state and federal law.

¹ While commonly referred to as the "confederate flag," the official name of the prohibited flag is the Battle Flag of the Armies of Northern Virginia.

Nothing in this policy is intended to interfere with the lawful use of district facilities pursuant to a lease or license.

The district will use administrative regulation ACB-AR - Bias Incident Complaint Procedure to process reports or complaints of bias incidents.

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 659.850 ORS 659.852 OAR 581-002-0005 OAR 581-022-2312 OAR 581-022-2370

Tinker v. Des Moines Indep. Cmty. Sch. Dist., 393 U.S. 503 (1969). Dariano v. Morgan Hill Unified Sch. Dist., 767 F.3d 764 (9th Cir. 2014). State v. Robertson, 293 Or. 402 (1982). Newberg School District 29J

Code: **KAB** Adopted: 12/10/07 Revised/Readopted: 10/10/17 Orig. Code(s): 8332

Parental Rights

The Board recognizes the importance of promoting parental input in decision making related to their student's health and general well-being, in determining district and student needs for educational services, in program development and district operations. To assist the district in this effort, and in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA), the district affirms the right of parents, upon request, to excuse a student from participating in covered activities and protect student privacy in the event of administration or distribution of a survey to a student. Parents may upon request inspect the following:

- 1. A survey created by a third party before the survey is administered or distributed by the district to a student, including any district survey containing "covered survey items"¹ as defined by ESSA;
- 2. Any instructional material used by the district as part of the educational curriculum for the student;
- 3. Any instrument used in the collection of personal information from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose.

As provided by law, parents of district students will also, upon request, be permitted to excuse their student from "covered activities"² as defined by ESSA.

The superintendent will ensure that parental notification is provided for activities that require parental notification as required by law. The superintendent will provide reasonable notice of the adoption or continued use of this policy to parents of students enrolled in district schools. The input of parents will be encouraged in the development, adoption and any subsequent revision of this policy. Although encouraged, parental input must not interfere with the normal operations of the district. If at any time a parent's comments or actions become disruptive in any way including but not limited to: harassing, rude or threatening, the district may take appropriate actions to sanction that individual's communication with and access to staff and district facilities.

¹Covered survey items under ESSA include one or more of the following items: political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's family; mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; and income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program.

²Covered activities requiring notification under ESSA include activities involving the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose; the administration of any survey containing one or more of covered survey items; and any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance and administered and scheduled by the school in advance. See the administrative regulation for additional definitions.

The superintendent shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy, including provisions as may be necessary to ensure appropriate notification to parents of their rights under federal law and district procedures to request review of covered materials. The rights provided to parents under this policy transfer to the student when the student turns 18 years old, or is an emancipated minor under applicable state law.

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107

Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, 20 U.S.C. § 7928 (2015). Protection of Pupil Rights, 20 U.S.C. § 1232h (2015); Student Rights in Research, Experimental Programs and Testing, 34 C.F.R. Part 98 (2015). Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2010). Newberg School District 29J

Code: **KAB-AR** Adopted: 12/10/07 Readopted: 6/28/10

Parental Rights

The following definitions and procedures will be used to implement the parental rights requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLBA):

Definitions

- 1. "Survey," as defined by federal law and as used in Board policy and this regulation, includes an evaluation. It does not apply to a survey administered to a student in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- 2. "Covered survey items" means one or more of the following items: political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's family; mental and psychological problems of the student or the student's family; sex behavior or attitudes; illegal, antisocial, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of other individuals with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged or analogous relationships, such as those of lawyers, physicians and ministers; religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent; and income, other than that required by law to determine eligibility for participation in a program or for receiving financial assistance under such a program;
- 3. "Covered activities" requiring notification under NCLBA means those activities involving the collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or for selling that information or otherwise providing that information to others for that purpose; the administration of any survey containing one or more covered survey items; and any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered and scheduled by the school in advance and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students. This provision does not apply to physical examinations or screenings that are permitted or required by law, including physical examinations or screenings permitted without parental notification;
- 4. "Third parties" include, but are not limited to, 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;
- 5. "Instructional material" means instructional content that is provided to a student, regardless of its format, including printed or representational materials, audiovisual materials and materials in electronic or digital formats (such as materials accessible through the Internet). The term does not include academic tests or academic assessments;

- 6. "Personal information" means individually identifiable information including a student or parent's first and last name; a home or other physical address (including street name and the name of the city or town); telephone number; or a social security identification number;
- 7. "Invasive physical examination" means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body. It does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening and does not apply to any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by an applicable state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parental notification.

Requests to Inspect Materials

Parents may inspect surveys, instructional materials or instruments used to collect personal student information for marketing purposes before such items are administered or distributed by a school to a student as follows:

- 1. Requests may be directed to the school office by phone or in person;
- 2. Requests must be received by the district no later than five working days following receipt of notification by the district of its intent to administer or distribute such items;
- 3. Materials may be reviewed at the school office or mailed by the district;
- 4. Requests to mail materials must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Requests to Excuse Student from Covered Activities

A parent may request that his/her student be excused from participation in any of the following covered activities:

- 1. The collection, disclosure or use of personal information collected from students for the purpose of marketing or selling that information to others;
- 2. Any district or third party survey;
- 3. The administration of nonemergency, invasive physical examinations or screenings.

All such requests must be:

- 1. Directed to the building principal in writing;
- 2. Received by the district no later than five working days following receipt of notification by the district of its intent to administer or distribute such items.

Student Privacy

The district recognizes its responsibility to protect student privacy in the event of administration or distribution of a survey to a student containing one or more covered survey items.

A student's personal information that may be collected as a result of such surveys will be released only with prior, written parental permission. The district shall use reasonable methods to identify and authenticate the identity of the parents, students, school officials and any other parties to whom the district discloses personally identifiable information from educational records.

Notification

Each site administrator shall be responsible for ensuring appropriate notification to parents of their rights under federal law, Board policy and this regulation. Accordingly, notification will:

- 1. Be made at least annually at the beginning of the school year or at other times during the school year when enrolling students for the first time in school;
- 2. Include the specific or approximate dates during the school year when covered activities are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.