## **Students**

## **Teen Dating Violence Prohibited**

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school-sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is unacceptable and is prohibited. Each student has the right to a safe learning environment. For purposes of this policy, the term *teen dating violence* occurs whenever a student who is 13 years of age or older uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control an individual in the dating relationship; uses or threatens to use sexual violence in the dating relationship; or forces another to act against his/her will by force or threat of force.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and maintain a program to respond to incidents of teen dating violence that:

- 1. Fully implements and enforces Board Policy 7.20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*. This policy prohibits any person from harassing intimidating, or bullying a student based on the student's actual or perceived characteristics of sex; sexual orientation; gender identity; and gender-related identity or expression (this policy includes more protected statuses).
- 2. 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment. This policy prohibits students from engaging in intimidation, and harassment at school, school-related events and electronically. Prohibited conduct includes threats, stalking, physical violence, sexual harassment, sexual violence, theft, public humiliation, destruction of property, or retaliation.
- 3. Incorporate the prohibitions against teen dating violence in the Student Code of Conduct.
- 4. Encourages anyone with information about incidents of teen dating violence to report them to any of the following individuals:
  - a. Any school staff member. School staff shall respond to incidents of teen dating violence by following the District's established procedures for the prevention, identification, investigation, and response to teen dating and school violence.
  - b. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, Dean of Students, or a Complaint Manager identified in Policy 7.20, *Harassment of Students Prohibited*.
- 5. Incorporates age-appropriate instruction in grades 7 through 12 in accordance with the District's comprehensive health education program in Board policy 6.60, *Curriculum Content*. This includes incorporating student social and emotional development into the District's educational program as required by State law and in alignment with Board policy 6.65, *Student Social and Emotional Development*.
- 6. Notifies students and parents/guardians of this policy.

## **Court Related Domestic Violence Transfers**

Pursuant to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act, courts may order that the respondent family or household member not attend the public, private, or non-public elementary, middle, or high school attended by the petitioner, order that the respondent accept a change of placement or change of program, as determined by the school district or private or non-public school, or place restrictions on the respondent's movements within the school attended by the petitioner.

When a court orders a respondent to stay away from the public, private, or non-public school attended by the petitioner and the respondent requests a transfer to another attendance center within the respondent's school district or private or non-public school, the school district or private or non-public school shall have sole discretion to determine the attendance center to which the respondent is transferred. In the event the court order results in a transfer of the minor respondent to another attendance center, a change in the respondent's placement, or a change of the respondent's program, the parents, guardian, or legal custodian of the respondent is responsible for transportation and other costs associated with the transfer or change.

In the event the court orders a transfer of the respondent to another school, the parents, guardian, or legal custodian of the respondent is responsible for transportation and other costs associated with the change of school by the respondent.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 110/3.10 and 750 ILCS 60/214(b)(3)(B)

CROSS REF.: 2.240, 2.260, 2.265, 5.100, 5.230, 6.60, 6.65, 7.20, 7.190, 7.230, 7.240

Additional Sources Available to the Community: Teen Dating Violence School Policy Toolkit (<a href="https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:21a7fdff-6029-3b03-abf2-58966f70fb09">https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:21a7fdff-6029-3b03-abf2-58966f70fb09</a>)

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