

NORTHERN WESTMORELAND CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

No. 252

SECTION: PUPILS
TITLE: DATING VIOLENCE
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Purpose

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

Definitions

Dating Partner shall mean a person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person, primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement, whether casual, serious or long term.

Dating Violence shall mean behavior where one person uses threats of, or actual uses, physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse to control the person's dating partner.

Authority

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

The center shall investigate promptly all complaints of dating violence and shall administer appropriate discipline to any student who violates this policy.

When a student's behavior indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others, staff shall report the student to the threat assessment team, in accordance with applicable law and Joint Operating Committee policy.

Title IX Sexual Harassment and Other Discrimination

Every report of alleged dating violence that can be interpreted at the outset to fall within the provisions of policies addressing potential violations of laws against discrimination shall be handled as a joint, concurrent investigation into all allegations and coordinated with the full participation of the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator. If, in the course of a dating

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violence investigation, potential issues of discrimination or discriminatory harassment are identified, the Title IX Coordinator shall be promptly notified, and the investigation shall be conducted jointly and concurrently to address the issues of alleged discrimination as well as the incidents of alleged dating violence.

Discipline of Student Convicted or Adjudicated of Sexual Assault

Upon notification of a conviction or adjudication of a student for sexual assault against another student attending the center or participating in a center program, the center shall coordinate actions with the appropriate participating school entity and comply with the disciplinary requirements established by state law and Joint Operating Committee policy.

Guidelines

When a student believes that they have been subject to dating violence, the student is encouraged to promptly report the incident, orally or in writing, to the building administrator.

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

The building administrator shall prepare a written report summarizing the investigation and recommending disposition of the complaint. The complainant and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of the investigation.

If the investigation results in a substantiated finding of dating violence, the building administrator shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action, as circumstances warrant, in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.

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

This policy on dating violence shall be:

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

The center may provide dating violence training to guidance counselors, nurses and mental health staff as deemed necessary. At the discretion of the Administrative Director, parents/guardians and other staff may also receive training on dating violence.

A parent/guardian of a student under the age of eighteen (18) shall be permitted to examine the instruction materials for the dating violence education program.

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At the request of the parent/guardian, the student may be excused from all or part of the dating violence education program.

Legal

24 P.S. 1553

Pol. 218

24 P.S. 1302-E

Pol. 236.1

Pol. 103

Pol. 103.1

24 P.S. 1318.1

Pol. 218.3

71 P.S. 611.13

Pol. 105.1

Pol. 105.2

PA Code 12.12

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