

V. Students

C. Disciplinary Policies

1. Code of Conduct

i. Teen Dating Violence

I. Purpose

The Narragansett School System, particularly the principals of the high school and middle school, shall ensure that students and staff are instructed on how to identify, prevent and report teen dating violence and sexual violence. The principals shall also ensure that the school health program and counseling services include the appropriate social skills and training to help students avoid isolation and help them interact in a healthy manner. In addition, the topic of teen dating violence shall be included in the health curriculums for grades 7-12 and taught annually.

II. Definitions

Dating Violence means a pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner.

Sexual Violence means behaviors that are attempted or perpetrated against a victim's will or when a victim cannot consent because of age, disability, or the influence of alcohol or drugs. Sexual assault may involve actual or threatened physical force, use of weapons, coercion, intimidation, or pressure.

III. Disciplinary Sanctions For Sexual Harassment, Dating Violence And Sexual Violence

Dating violence will not be tolerated.

Disciplinary sanctions for dating violence or sexual violence may include loss of privilege to participate in extra- curricular activities including athletics and school social events; loss of school bus transportation; assignment of additional school work or community service; and – depending on the extent of involvement in the prohibited activity—suspension from school.

IV. Intervention For Sexual Harassment, Dating Violence, And Sexual Violence

Any school administrator who witnesses or learns of an act of teen dating violence, sexual violence, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or rape shall take the following steps:

1. Separate the victim from the alleged perpetrator.
2. Meet with the victim and develop a safety plan if needed.
3. Review the student's complaint form or assist the student in documenting the incident on a complaint form during the meeting. [see Student Complaint Form for Sexual Harassment, Dating Violence, and Sexual Violence in each school office]. This confidential report will be

kept in the office of the Assistant Principal. A copy will be provided to the police, when necessary.

4. Further investigate the complaint by speaking with the alleged perpetrator and any bystanders separately. Document all information.
5. Once an incident has been reported, the counselor or administrator will work with the police to determine if the incident involved physical or sexual assault or threats. Police will determine if the incident falls under the Domestic Abuse Law based on current police protocol.
6. If the assessment by a school psychologist, social worker, or counselor determines that the victim's mental health has been placed at risk, make appropriate referrals.
7. Contact the parents/guardians of the victim and the alleged perpetrator, regardless of the victim and perpetrators' ages, to inform them an incident of sexual harassment, dating violence, or sexual violence has been reported. Ask the parents/guardians to attend a meeting with the administrator and their child to discuss the incident.
8. If the behavior included a violent criminal offense, the victim will be informed of any school transfer rights he or she may have under the Federal No Child Left Behind Act.

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NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL SYSTEM
Complaint Form for reporting
SEXUAL HARASSMENT, DATING VIOLENCE, AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Name: _____ Student I.D.: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____ Time of: _____

Please answer the following questions about the most serious incident:

List the name of the alleged perpetrator(s) of sexual harassment, dating violence, or sexual violence:

Relationship between you and the alleged perpetrator:

Describe the incident:

When and where did it happen? _____

Were there any witnesses? () YES () NO If yes, who?

Is this the first incident? () YES () NO

If no, how many times has it happened before?

Other information, including previous incidents or threats:

Student or parent declines to complete this form: Initial: _____

Date: _____

I certify that all statements made in the complaint are true and complete. Any intentional misstatement of fact will subject me to appropriate discipline. I authorize school officials to disclose the information I provide only as necessary in pursuing the investigation.

Signatures

Student: _____ Date: _____

School official receiving complaint:

_____ Date: _____

School official conducting follow-up:

_____ Date: _____