
Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyberbullying, Teen Dating Violence, or Domestic Violence – Student

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 compliance with applicable Oregon law.

Harassment, intimidation or bullying, and acts of cyberbullying by students, staff, and third parties toward students is strictly prohibited in the school. Teen dating violence is unacceptable behavior and prohibited. Each student has the right to a safe learning environment.

Retaliation against a victim, any person who reports, is thought to have reported, or files a complaint about an act of [hazing,]harassment, intimidation or bullying, 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 actions 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 administrator is responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented.

Definitions

“Public charter school” includes public charter school facilities, public charter school premises, and non-public charter school property if the student is at any public charter school-sponsored, public charter school-approved, or public charter school-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the jurisdiction of the public charter school.

“Third parties” include, but are not limited to, coaches, school volunteers, parents, school visitors, service contractors, or others engaged in public charter school business, such as employees of businesses or organizations participating in cooperative work programs with the public charter school and others not directly subject to public charter school control at inter-public charter school and intra-public charter school athletic competitions or other school events.

“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 public charter school grounds, at any public charter school-sponsored activity, on public charter school-provided transportation, or at any official public charter school 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 by one or more of the following acts between family and/or household members¹:

1. Attempting to cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing bodily injury;
2. Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly placing another in fear of imminent bodily injury;
3. Causing another to engage in involuntary sexual relations by force or threat of force.

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

¹ “Family or household members” as defined in ORS 107.705:

3. Spouses;
4. Former spouses;
5. Adult persons related by blood, marriage or adoption;
6. Persons who are cohabiting or who have cohabited with each other;
7. Persons who have been involved in a sexually intimate relationship with each other within two years immediately preceding the filing by one of them of a petition under Oregon Revised Statute 107.710;
8. Unmarried parents of a child.

“Retaliation” means any acts of, including but not limited to, harassment, intimidation or bullying, or cyberbullying toward a person in response to an actual or apparent reporting of, or participation in the investigation of, harassment, intimidation or bullying, acts of cyberbullying, teen dating violence, or retaliation.

Reporting

The administrator or designee will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any report of an act of harassment, intimidation or bullying, cyberbullying, or teen dating violence. Any employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy shall immediately report concerns to the administrator or designee who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any employee who has knowledge of incidents of teen dating violence that took place on public charter school property, at a public charter school-sponsored activity, or in a vehicle used for school-provided transportation shall immediately report the incident to the administrator or designee. Failure of an employee to report an act of harassment, intimidation or bullying, an act of cyberbullying, or teen dating violence to administrator or designee 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 harassed, intimidated or bullied, a victim of teen dating violence, or acts of being cyberbullied in violation of this policy, is encouraged to immediately report concerns to the administrator or designee 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 administrator or designee. A report made by a student or volunteer may be made anonymously. A student may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate public charter school official.

Reports against the administrator 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 administrator review the actions taken in the initial investigation, in accordance with administrative regulations.

Notification to Parents or Guardians

The administrator or designee 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 administrator or designee reasonably believes notification could endanger the student

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, bully, or cyberbullying requests that notification not be provided to the student's parents or guardians.
2. The administrator or designee 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 administrator or designee informs the student that federal law may require the student's parents and guardians to have access to the student's education record.

If the administrator or designee 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 public charter school 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 public charter school shall incorporate age-appropriate education about teen dating violence and domestic violence into new or existing training programs for students in grade 7 through 12.

The public charter school 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 administrator shall be responsible for ensuring annual notice of this policy is provided in a student or staff handbook, school website, and school and public charter school office and the development of administrative regulations, including reporting and investigative procedures.

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.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[\[ORS 163.190\]](#)
[\[ORS 163.197\]](#)
[ORS 166.065](#)
[ORS 166.155 - 166.165](#)
[ORS 174.100](#)
[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 339.351 - 339.366](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)

[OAR 581-021-0055](#)
[OAR 581-022-2310](#)
[OAR 581-022-2370](#)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2018).
House Bill 2631 (2021).
House Bill 3041 (2021).