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## Sexual Harassment – Board Policy FFH

## 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 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 activity; or
- 3. "Sexual assault" as defined in 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(v), "dating violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(A)(10), "domestic violence" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or "stalking" as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291 (a)(30).

Sexual harassment within the District's "education program or activity" includes locations, events or circumstances over which the district exercised substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs.

Romantic or inappropriate social relationships between students and District employees are prohibited. Any sexual relationship between a student and a District employee is always prohibited, even if consensual.



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## Staff Responsibility

Notice of sexual harassment or allegations of sexual harassment to the District's Title IX Coordinator or any employee of the District constitutes actual knowledge. The mere ability or obligation to report sexual harassment or to inform a student how to report sexual harassment, or having been trained to do so, does not qualify an individual as one who has the authority to institute corrective measures on behalf of the District.

The standard is not met when the only official of the district with actual knowledge is the respondent.

Any student who believes that he or she has experienced prohibited conduct or believes that another student has experienced prohibited conduct should immediately report the alleged acts to a teacher, counselor, principal, or other District employee. Alternatively, a student may report prohibited conduct directly to one of the District officials below: For the purposes of this policy, District officials are the Title IX coordinator, the Section 504 coordinator, and the Superintendent.

Reports of prohibited conduct shall be made as soon as possible after the alleged act or knowledge of the alleged act. Any District employee who receives notice that a student has or may have experienced prohibited conduct shall immediately notify the appropriate District official listed above and take any other steps required by this policy. A failure to promptly report may impair the District's ability to investigate and address the prohibited conduct. Any District employee who receives notice that a student has or may have experienced prohibited conduct shall immediately notify the appropriate District official listed above and take any other steps required by this policy.