

**Hazing/Harassment/Intimidation/Menacing/Bullying/Cyberbullying/Teen Dating  
Violence/Domestic Violence – Student\*\***

The Board in its commitment to provide a positive and productive learning environment will consult with parents/guardians, employees, volunteers, students, administrators and community representatives in developing this policy in compliance with applicable Oregon Revised Statutes.

Hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, bullying, and acts of cyberbullying by students, staff and third parties towards students is strictly prohibited. Teen dating violence is unacceptable behavior and prohibited. Retaliation against any person who reports, is thought to have reported, files a complaint or otherwise participates in an investigation or inquiry is also strictly prohibited. False charges shall also be regarded as a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action or other appropriate sanctions.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion. The district may also file a request with the Oregon Department of Transportation to suspend the driving privileges or the right to apply for driving privileges of a student 15 years of age or older who has been suspended or expelled for menacing another student or employee, or for the use of threats, intimidation, harassment or coercion. Students may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

Building Administrators are responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented.

**Definitions**

“District” includes district facilities, district premises, and nondistrict property if the student is at any district-sponsored, district-approved or district-related activity or function, such as field trips or athletic events where students are under the control of the district.

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

“Hazing” includes, but is not limited to, any act that endangers or potentially endangers the mental health, physical health or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or as a condition or precondition of attaining membership in, or affiliation with, any district-sponsored activity or grade level attainment. Hazing includes activities intended to degrade or humiliate. It is not a defense against hazing that the student subjected to hazing consented to or appeared to consent to the hazing.

“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 district

grounds, at any district-sponsored activity, on district-provided transportation or at any official district bus stop, that may be based on, but not limited to, the protected class status of a person, 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;
3. Creating a hostile educational environment including interfering with the psychological well-being of the student and may be based on, but not limited to, the protected class of the person.

"Protected class" means a group of persons distinguished, or perceived to be distinguished, by race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation<sup>1</sup>, 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 as defined by Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 107.705 between family and household members, as those terms are described in ORS 107.705.

"Cyberbullying" is the use of any electronic communication device to harass, intimidate or bully. Students will refrain from using personal communication devices or district property to violate this policy.

"Retaliation" means hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying toward a person in response to a student for actually or apparently reporting or participating in the investigation of hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, bullying, teen dating violence and acts of cyberbullying or retaliation.

"Menacing" includes, but is not limited to, any act intended to place a district employee, student or third party in fear of imminent serious physical injury.

## **Reporting**

Building administrators, counselors, and deans will take reports and conduct a prompt investigation of any report of an act of hazing, harassment, intimidation or bullying, menacing, and acts of cyberbullying. Any

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<sup>1</sup>"Sexual orientation" means an individual's actual or perceived heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or gender identity, regardless of whether the individual's gender identity, appearance, expression or behaviors differs from that traditionally associated with the individual's sex at birth.

employee who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy shall immediately report his/her concerns to the building administrator, counselor, or dean who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Failure of an employee to report a violation of this policy shall 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 he/she has been hazed, harassed, intimidated, bullied or menaced a victim of teen dating violence and or a victim of cyberbullying in violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report his/her concerns to the building administrator or dean who has overall responsibility for all investigations. Any volunteer who has knowledge of conduct in violation of this policy is encouraged to immediately report his/her concerns to the building administrator or dean who has overall responsibility for all investigations.

This report may be made anonymously. A student or volunteer may also report concerns to a teacher or counselor who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate district official or designee.

Complaints against the building administrator shall be filed with the superintendent. Complaints against the superintendent shall be filed with the Board chair.

The complainant shall be notified of the findings of the investigation and, as appropriate, that remedial action has been taken. The complainant may request that the district level administrator review the actions taken in the initial investigation, in accordance with district policies.

The district 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.

The district 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 district 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.

The superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring annual notice of this policy is provided in a student or employee handbook, school and district's website, and school and district office. Complaint procedures, as established by the district, shall be followed.

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 the ODE.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 163.190](#)  
[ORS 163.197](#)  
[ORS 166.065](#)  
[ORS 166.155 to -166.165](#)  
[ORS 174.100\(6\)](#)  
[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)  
[ORS 339.240](#)  
[ORS 339.250](#)  
[ORS 339.254](#)  
[ORS 339.351 to -339.366](#)  
[ORS 659A.030](#)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)  
[OAR 581-022-1140](#)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d (2006).