

5519 DATING VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL

The Board of Education believes a safe and civil environment in school is necessary for children to learn. A pupil who is a victim of dating violence suffers academically and the pupil's safety at school is jeopardized. Acts or incidents of dating violence at school whether they are verbal, sexual, physical, or emotional will not be tolerated and will be dealt with in accordance with the school's pupil code of conduct.

All school staff members (administrative staff, instructional staff, support staff, and volunteers) shall take all reasonable measures to prevent acts or incidents of dating violence at school involving a pupil. All acts or incidents of dating violence at school shall be reported to the Principal or designee in accordance with the provisions outlined in Regulation 5519. A verbal report shall be made to the Principal or designee as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the pupil's school day when the staff member witnesses or learns of an act or incident of dating violence at school. A written report regarding the act or incident shall be submitted to the Principal or designee by the reporting staff member no later than one day after the act or incident occurred.

School staff members are required to report all acts or incidents of dating violence at school they witness or upon receiving reliable information concerning acts or incidents of dating violence at school. Acts or incidents may include, but are not limited to: those characterized by physical, emotional, verbal, or sexual abuse; digital or electronic acts or incidents of dating violence; and/or patterns of behavior which are threatening or controlling.

The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, shall adopt the guidelines and procedures outlined in Regulation 5519 for responding to acts or incidents of dating violence at school. The protocols outlined in Regulation 5519 have been established for any school staff member who witnesses or learns of an act or incident of dating violence at school and for school administrators to work with the victim and the aggressor of an act or incident of dating violence.

Dating violence statements and investigations shall be kept in files separate from pupil academic and discipline records to prevent the inadvertent disclosure of confidential information. Every act or incident of dating violence at school that is reported shall be documented in an appropriate manner. This should include statements, planning actions, and disciplinary measures as well as counseling and other support resources that are offered and prescribed to the victim or aggressor.

School administrators shall implement discipline and remedial procedures to address acts or incidents of dating violence at school consistent with the school's pupil code of



conduct. The policies and procedures specific to acts or incidents of dating violence at school shall be used to address the act or incident as well as serve as remediation, intervention, education, and prevention for all individuals involved. The responses shall be tiered with consideration given to the seriousness and the number of previous occurrences of acts or incidents in which both the victim and alleged aggressor have been involved.

Consequences may include, but are not limited to: admonishment, temporary removal from the classroom, classroom or administrative detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, reports to law enforcement, and/or expulsion. Retaliation towards the victim of any act or incident of dating violence shall be considered when administering consequences to the alleged aggressor based on the severity of the act or incident.

Remediation/intervention may include, but is not limited to: parent conferences, pupil counseling (all pupils involved in the act or incident), peer support groups, corrective instruction or other relevant learning or service experiences, supportive pupil interventions (Intervention and Referral Services - I&RS), behavioral management plans, and/or alternative placements.

A pattern of behaviors may be an important sign a pupil is involved in an unhealthy or abusive dating relationship. The warning signs listed in Regulation 5519 shall educate the school community on the characteristics that a pupil in an unhealthy or abusive relationship may exhibit. Many of these warning signs make a connection to one pupil in the relationship asserting control and power over the other. Recognizing one or more signs of teen dating violence plays an important role in preventing, educating, and intervening in acts or incidents of dating violence.

The Board of Education shall make available to pupils and their families information on safe, appropriate school, family, peer, and community resources available to address dating violence.

The Board of Education shall incorporate age-appropriate dating violence education in grades seven through twelve through the health education curriculum in alignment with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education. The educational program shall include, but is not limited to, a definition of dating violence, recognizing the warning signs of dating violence, and the characteristics of healthy relationships.

Upon written request to the school Principal, a parent/legal guardian of a pupil less than eighteen years of age shall be permitted, within a reasonable period of time after the



request is made, to examine the dating violence education instruction materials developed by the school district.

Notice of Policy and Regulation 5519 shall appear in all district publications that set forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards of conduct for pupils within the district and in any handbook.

Educational Resources on Dating Violence

Curriculum Resources

Liz Claiborne Inc.
School based curriculum and other educational resources
<http://loveisnotabuse.com>

Liz Claiborne Inc. and the Centers for Disease Control
Educational resources
<http://www.vetoviolenace.org/datingmatters/>

Hazelden Safe Dates Prevention Program for Dating Abuse and Violence
<http://www.hazelden.org/web/go/safedates>

The United States Department of Health and Human Services
Teen Violence Prevention Programs
http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/domviolence/prevention/teen_dating.cfm

Policy Resources

Rhode Island Department of Education *Guide to Preventing Bullying, and Teen Dating Violence*
http://www.ride.ri.gov/commissioner/edpolicy/documents/20080401_guidebullyingtdv_v1_kr.pdf

Rhode Island Department of Education Dating Violence Tool Kit
http://www.ride.ri.gov/commissioner/edpolicy/documents/20080401_guidebullyingtdv_v1_kr.pdf

Internet Resources



FREE 1 hour Staff Training from Liz Claiborne & the CDC
www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/datingmatters.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Violence Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/>

Texas Council on Family Abuse
Teen Dating Violence Information and Resources
<http://www.tcfv.org/our-work/prevention/teen-dating-violence-information-resources>

The United States Department of Justice
Dating Violence
<http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/datingviolence.html>

Futures Without Violence (Formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund)
The Facts on Domestic, Dating, and Sexual Violence.
<http://www.futureswithoutviolence.org>

Break the Cycle
Dating Violence Resources
<http://www.breakthecycle.org>

Love is Respect
Dating resources for parents, teens and educators.
<http://www.loveisrespect.org>

Start Strong Teens
Building Healthy Teen Relationships
<http://www.startstrongteens.org/>



Dating Violence Agencies And Resources To Assist Pupils And Their Families In The Prevention, Education, And Treatment Regarding Acts Or Incidents Of Dating Violence

Statewide

New Jersey Domestic Violence Programs by County

<http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dow/resources/countyresourcesdv.html>

New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women

Programs and counseling for Domestic and Dating Violence

24 Hour Helpline: (800) 572-SAFE

<http://www.njcbw.org/>

Northern New Jersey

Bergen:

Alternatives to Domestic Violence

24 Hour Helpline: (201) 336-7575

<http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/adv/teendating.htm>

Essex County:

The Rachel Coalition

Responding to domestic violence

24 Hour Helpline: (973) 740-1233

<https://www.rachelcoalition.org/>

Morris County:

Jersey Battered Women's Shelter

24 hour helpline: (973) 267-4763

<http://www.jbws.org/>

Sussex County:

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services

24 hour helpline: (973) 875-1211

<http://www.dasi.org/>

Warren County:

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault Crisis Center

24 Hour Helpline: (866) 6BE-SAFE

<http://www.besafenj.org/>



Central New Jersey

Mercer County:

Womanspace
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
24 Hour Helpline: (609) 394-9000
Statewide: (800) 572-SAFE

Middlesex County:

Women Aware
Moving Beyond Abuse
24 Hour Helpline: (732) 249-4504
<http://www.womenaware.net/>

Monmouth County:

180, Turning Lives Around – Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Agency
(732) 264-4111
2nd Floor Youth Helpline: (888) 222-2228. The helpline is available statewide.
This helpline is designed for children and teens that are experiencing incidents of dating or domestic violence.
<http://www.180nj.org/>

Ocean County:

Providence House - Ocean
Domestic and Dating Violence
24 Hour Helpline: (800) 246-8910
<http://www.catholiccharities.org/>

Somerset County:

Help and Hope for people affected by domestic abuse.
24 Hour Helpline: (866) 685-1122.
<http://www.resourcecenterofsomerset.org/domestic-violence-nj/teen-dating/>

Southern New Jersey

Atlantic County:

Atlantic County Women's Center Violence Intervention Program
24 Hour Helpline: (800) 286-4184
www.acwc.org



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Camden County:

Jewish Family & Children's Service
Domestic Abuse Program S.A.R.A.H.
(856) 424-1333

<http://www.jfcssnj.org/programs-and-services/Counseling/Domestic-Abuse-Program-Project-SARAH>

Camden County:

Camden County Women's Center
Domestic and Dating violence service for all victims
24 Hour Helpline: (856) 227-1234
www.camdencountywomenscenter.org

Cape May County:

C.A.R.A.
The Coalition Against Rape and Abuse
24 Hour Helpline: (877) 294-2272
<http://www.cara-cmc.org/>

Cumberland County:

Center for Family Services
24 Hour Helpline: (800) 225-0196
<http://www.centerffs.org/>

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.23a.; 18A:37-33; 18A:37-34; 18A:37-35; 18A:37-37
New Jersey Department of Education Model Policy and Guidance for Incidents Involving
Dating Violence – September 2011

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