

## **714.5 – Title IX Sexual Harassment/Intimidation of Students**

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and is prohibited in the District. An employee, District agent, or student engages in sexual harassment whenever he or she makes unwelcome advances; requests sexual favors; or engages in other verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature, imposed on the basis of sex, that:

1. Denies or limits the provision of educational aid, benefits, services, opportunities, or treatment, or that makes such conduct a condition of a student's academic status; or
2. Has the purpose or effect of:
  - A. Substantially interfering with the student's educational environment;
  - B. Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment;
  - C. Depriving a student of educational aid, benefits, services, opportunities or treatment; or
  - D. Making submission to or rejection of such unwelcome conduct the basis for academic decisions affecting a student.

The terms "intimidating," "hostile," and "offensive" include conduct which has the effect of humiliation, embarrassment, or discomfort. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to, unwelcome touching; crude jokes or pictures; discussions of sexual experiences; pressure for sexual activity; intimidation by words, actions, insults, or name calling; teasing related to sexual characteristics; and spreading rumors related to a person's alleged sexual activities.

Students who believe that they may have been sexually harassed or intimidated should contact a counselor, teacher, Title IX coordinator, or administrator who will assist them in the complaint process. Supervisors or teachers who knowingly condone, or fail to report or assist a student to take action to remediate such behavior of sexual harassment or intimidation, may themselves be subject to discipline.

Any District employee who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge. Any student of the District who is determined, after an investigation, to have engaged in sexual harassment will be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension and expulsion, consistent with the discipline policy. Any person who knowingly making a false accusation regarding sexual harassment will likewise be subject to disciplinary action up to and including discharge with regard to employees, or suspension and expulsion with regard to students.

Any individual seeking further information should contact the Superintendent for the name of the current Title IX Coordinator for the District. The Superintendent shall ensure that the student and employee handbooks identify the name, address, and telephone number of the individual responsible for coordinating the District's compliance efforts.

**Legal References:**

- 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681 – 1682 Title IX of the Education Amendments of  
1972
- 34 C.F.R. Part 106 Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in  
Education Programs or Activities Receiving  
Federal Financial Assistance (Implementing  
Title IX)
- I.C. § 67-5909 Commission on Human Rights – Acts Prohibited  
I.D.A.P.A. 08.02.03.160 Safe Environment and Discipline

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