

Book SHSD 151

Section Section 700- Students

Title Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

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For the purposes of this policy, "teen dating violence" is defined as either of the following:

- 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 that person, where one or both persons are 13-19 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 that person, where one or both persons are 13-19 years of age. For the purposes of this policy, "dating" or "dating relationship" is defined as an ongoing relationship of a romantic or intimate nature between two persons.

Engaging in teen dating violence that takes place at school, on school property, at school sponsored activities, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation is prohibited. Each student has a right to a safe learning environment. Teen dating violence is unacceptable and prohibited.

The Superintendent will develop and implement a training program that incorporates age appropriate education about teen dating violence for students in grades 7 and 8 and school employees.

The Superintendent will develop procedures to investigate and respond to incidents of teen dating violence.

The Superintendent will appoint at least one school official to receive reports related to teen dating violence. If possible, the Superintendent will appoint at least two school officials, one of each gender.

Anyone with information about incidents of teen dating violence is encouraged to report them to any of the following individuals:

- a. Any school staff member. School staff shall respond to incidents of teen dating violence by following the District's established procedures for the prevention, identification, investigation, and response to bullying and school violence.
- b. The Nondiscrimination Coordinator, Building Principal, Assistant Building Principal, or a Complaint Manager.

The Superintendent will promptly notify students and parents of this policy upon its adoption by the School Board.