

REGULATION: SEXUAL HARASSMENT

All students, employees and Board members are strictly prohibited from engaging in any form of sexual harassment of any student, employee, applicant for employment, vendor representative or patron of the School District. Any employee engaging in sexual harassment is subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to suspension, demotion, forfeiture of pay or benefits and termination. Such penalties shall be imposed based on the facts taken as a whole and the totality of the circumstances such as the nature extend, context and gravity of such activities or incidents.

Any student engaging in sexual harassment is subject to any and all disciplinary action, which may be imposed under the School District's Student Discipline Code.

Any employee or student who is or has been subjected to sexual harassment or knows of any student or employee who is or has been subjected to sexual harassment shall immediately report all such incidents to the superintendent, principal or Board member of the School District. If the report of an incident needs to be made after normal school hours, the above listed individual may be contacted at home. It is preferred that all such reports be made in person or in writing signed by the reporting party, including but not limited to a Title IX grievance form. However, in order to encourage full, complete and immediate reporting of such prohibited activities any person may report such incidents in writing and anonymously by mailing such reports to the personal attention of any of the above-designated persons. All such reports should state the name of the alleged harassing student, employee or board member, the person(s) being harassed, the nature, context and extent of the prohibited activity, the dates of the prohibited activity and any other information necessary to a full report and investigation of the matter. The School District will investigate all reports.

Any employee who is subjected to job related sexual harassment is entitled to protection under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Oklahoma Anti-Discrimination Act and may report such incidents to the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission.

The superintendent, principal and any Board member of the School District, upon receiving a report (formal or informal) of sexual harassment shall do the following as quickly as reasonably possible:

- Obtain a statement, oral or written, from the individual who is alleged to have been sexually harassed which contains information necessary to conduct a full investigation on the matter. This information should include, but is not limited to, the name of the alleged harasser, the person(s) being harassed, the nature, context and extent of the prohibited activity, the dates of the prohibited activity and the names of any witnesses.
- Take reasonable and age appropriate, effective steps to separate and protect individual who is allegedly being sexually harassed from the alleged harasser, until the matter can be fully investigated and the appropriate remedial steps taken.
- Keep the individual who is allegedly being sexually harassed reasonably apprised, to the extent allowed under federal and state privacy laws and regulations, of the investigation and the actions taken as a result of the investigation.
- Conduct a full and complete investigation, to the extent reasonably possible and appropriate to the age of those involved, regarding the alleged sexual harassment, which would include, but not be limited to, interviewing the individual allegedly harassed, and any witnesses, review of any supporting documents, and interviewing the alleged harasser.

- Based on good judgment, common sense and the facts, as revealed by the investigation, taken as a whole and the totality of the circumstances, such as the nature, extent, age of those involved, context and gravity of such activities or incidents, take or recommend the taking of appropriate and effective measures reasonably calculated to end the harassment and prevent a reoccurrence, including but not limited to, as to employees, suspension, demotion, forfeiture of pay or benefits, termination or reassignment.

During and after the investigation, confidentiality shall be maintained, as far as reasonably possible; provided however, nothing in this policy shall preclude public disclosure of any information of a personal or confidential nature during the course of any suspension, dismissal or nonrenewal hearing or in any litigation.

It is the School District's position that any person filing or complaining of sexual harassment or participating in any way in any investigation of a sexual harassment claim under this policy shall not be subjected to any form of reprisal, retaliation, intimidation or harassment. The School District will discipline or take appropriate action against any student, employee, agent or representative of the School District who is determined to have engaged in such retaliatory behavior.