

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION POLICY

The District is committed to providing a working and learning environment free from sexual harassment. The District prohibits sexual harassment of or by employees, students, or persons doing business with or for the District based on actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding/lactating status, and any related medical conditions. Failure to follow this policy is a violation of state and federal law.

Under California law, sexual harassment is any unwelcome conduct based on sex, including sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and any other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature or based on sex made by someone from or in the work or educational setting, under any of the following conditions:

- Submission to the conduct is directly or indirectly made as a condition of an individual's employment, academic status, or progress.
- Submission to, or rejection of, the conduct by the individual is used as the basis of employment or academic decisions, or for any decision affecting the individual regarding benefits and services, honors, programs, or activities available at or through the educational institution.
- The conduct has the purpose or effect of having a negative impact upon the individual's work or academic performance or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment.

Under regulations for Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following may constitute sex discrimination or sexual harassment:

- An employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the District on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct;
- Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's education program or activity;
- Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking as defined under the Clery Act or Violence Against Women Act.

Upon witnessing discrimination, harassment, intimidation, abusive conduct, or bullying based on the above, personnel are required to take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so. Reporting the conduct to an administrator or Title IX/Bullying Complaint Manager can be an appropriate intervention. Once a school/office has been notified of the conduct and a complaint has been filed, whether carried out by employees, students, or third parties, it should take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate, support the investigation or otherwise determine what occurred and take prompt and effective reasonable steps to end the conduct, eliminate a hostile environment if one has been created, and prevent it from reoccurring. Supportive measures will be provided regardless of whether an individual makes a complaint or asks the school/office to take action. This policy applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance under the Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent's jurisdiction.

Any District students or employees who believe they have been a victim of sexual harassment or who have witnessed such an act should report it to an administrator or Title IX/Bullying Complaint Manager so appropriate action may be taken to resolve it. The District prohibits retaliation against anyone who files a sexual harassment complaint or participates in the investigation process. Complaints must be promptly and fairly investigated in a way that respects the privacy of the parties concerned to the fullest extent possible.

Your school/office administrator or Title IX/Bullying Complaint Manager(s): _____;
Phone: _____ Email: _____.

For policies/procedures related to sexual harassment of or by students and how to file a complaint, contact: Educational Equity Compliance Office, Julie Hall-Panameño-LAUSD Section 504/Title IX Coordinator, (213) 241-7682.

For employee-to-employee, student-to-employee or work/employment-related discrimination, harassment, intimidation or abusive conduct, contact: Equal Opportunity Section, (213) 241-7685.

District office locations: Los Angeles Unified School District - 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017

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Your school works to give you an education that is safe and without sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is behavior you don't like that is directed at you because you are a girl or a boy. It can make you feel unsafe or scared and keeps you from learning. It can be someone's bad words, something you see, physical behavior, or touching of private body parts (like parts covered by a swimsuit). Examples may be:

- ▶ Unwanted hugs, kisses, grabbing or touching
- ▶ Standing too close or stopping someone from moving
- ▶ Showing or sending inappropriate or nasty pictures of any kind that make others feel bad or uncomfortable
- ▶ Treating someone differently just because they are a girl or boy

It is against school rules and the law for people to do this. If it's safe for you, you can ask the person to stop doing these bad things to you or other kids. You can help friends share problems like this with an adult they trust. You can report it to the principal, a teacher, or someone who handles complaints like this. The school will take action right away to find out what happened, make it stop and keep it from happening again. No one is allowed to punish you for making a report or for talking to an adult about what happened. The school will share information with people who can help fix it. This is true for all school activities in your school district.

People who can help you:

Your principal: _____
Complaint Manager (Title IX/Bullying): _____
Call: _____
Email: _____

For more information about this and how to make a report, you can call or write to the Educational Equity Compliance Office or Julie Hall-Panameño-LAUSD Section 504/Title IX Coordinator at (213) 241-7682; EquityCompliance@lausd.net.

Schools can ask for help for staff by calling or writing to the Equal Opportunity Section at (213) 241-7685.

Both offices are at the Los Angeles Unified School District main building, and the address is 333 South Beaudry Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017