

## **BOARD POLICY**

Portland Public Schools is committed to providing a safe, positive, and productive learning and working environment. Harassment, including intimidation or bullying, cyberbullying, and sexual harassment, including teen dating violence and domestic violence, are strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated.

This policy applies to student behavior on school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided transportation, at any official school bus stop, and in all instances that student discipline applies as provided in <a href="Student Discipline Procedures 4.30.020-AD">Student Discipline Procedures 4.30.020-AD</a>. Certain behavior may require the District to follow the procedures outlined in <a href="Student M(in)Tj0 Tc">Student M(in)Tj0 Tc</a> (I)10.1 (o)-4.723 Tc 0.034.674 -1.217 Td[S)-3.8 (tude)-4.8 (nt)]TJ0

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3. Any District employee who becomes aware of Harassment against any student or who receives such a report shall immediately report the conduct to the school principal or other District administrator. Employees shall also comply with their mandatory reporting obligations.

Students who are found in violation of this directive are subject to disciplinary action ranging from a Level One conference to a Level Four expulsion/delayed expulsion/reassignment or referral. Disciplinary action depends on the number of occurrences and the severity of the offense and as provided in the *Guide to Procedures on Student Responsibilities*, *Rights and Discipline (Guide)*.

Reports and complaints of Harassment, including teen dating and domestic violence, will be investigated by the District following the procedures outlined in the <u>Harassment, Sexual Violence, and Teen Dating Violence Procedures and Prevention – Students Administrative Directive 4.30.071-AD.</u> Students and their parents will be notified in writing of the investigation and will be provided information about resources and supports, including information about civil and criminal remedies, to assist them in the process.

Allegations of retaliation will also be investigated and, if substantiated, may result in discipline.

Students may report Harassment anonymously; however, corroborating evidence is required for any disciplinary action or other consequences.

District employees who have reliable knowledge of prohibited conduct by a student or an adult against any student, shall immediately report their concerns to the appropriate designated school district official. Reports of conduct violating this directive may be made anonymously; however,



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Confidentiality: All complaints shall be handled so that the identity of the complainant and any information obtained as part of the investigation shall be kept confidential to the extent that confidentiality is compatible with a thorough investigation of the complaint and is permitted under the law. The District should strive to protect the identity of the person who files a complaint, encourage the reporting of any vIoI8 (i)10.2A (urag8 (s)-3.7un1 (d(l)-