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Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and or Bullying

Everett Public Schools maintains a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and community members that is free from harassment, intimidation, ~~or and~~ bullying (HIB). Our district's core values include our commitment to value differences among people and treat one another respectfully. HIB of students by other students, by staff members, by volunteers, by parents or by guardians is prohibited.

It shall be a violation of this policy and the district's sexual harassment policy for any student of the district to harass, intimidate, or bully another student through electronic, written, verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct while in or on school property (or in reasonable proximity thereto), school transportation, or at school-sponsored activities off school property.

Behaviors/Expressions

HIB can take many forms, including but not limited to, slurs, name calling, jokes, innuendoes, demeaning comments, drawings, cartoons, pranks, gestures, hazing, physical attacks, threats or other written, oral, or physical acts or electronically transmitted messages or images.

This policy is not intended to prohibit expression of religious, philosophical, or political views, provided that the expression does not substantially disrupt the educational environment. Many behaviors that do not rise to the level of HIB may still be prohibited by other district policies or building, classroom or program rules.

Training

This policy is a component of the district's responsibility to create and maintain a safe, civil, respectful and inclusive learning community and will be implemented in conjunction with comprehensive training of staff and volunteers. **Specific training requirements are included in the accompanying procedure.**

Prevention

The district will provide students with strategies designed to prevent HIB. In its efforts to educate students, the district will seek partnerships with families, law enforcement and other community agencies.

Interventions

Interventions will be designed to address the impact that HIB has on victims and upon others impacted by the violation. Interventions will also be designed to change the behavior of the aggressor, and to restore a positive school climate.

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The district will consider the frequency of incidents, developmental age of the student, and severity of the conduct to determine intervention strategies. Interventions may include counseling, correcting behavior and discipline, to law enforcement referrals.

Students with Individual Education Plans or Section 504 Plans

If allegations are made that a student with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Section 504 Plan has been the **aggressor or** target of HIB, the school will convene the student's IEP or Section 504 team to determine whether the incident had an impact on the student's ability to receive a free, appropriate public education (FAPE). The meeting will occur regardless of whether the HIB incident was based on the student's disability. During the meeting, the team will evaluate issues such as the student's academic performance, behavior issues, attendance, and participation in extracurricular activities. If a determination is made that the student is not receiving a FAPE, as a result of the HIB incident, the district will provide all necessary additional services and supports, such as counseling, monitoring and/or reevaluation or revision of the student's IEP or Section 504 plan, to ensure the student receives a FAPE.

Retaliation

Retaliation is prohibited and will result in appropriate discipline. It is a violation of this policy to threaten or harm someone for reporting HIB, **or participating in an investigation.**

False Allegations

Knowingly reporting false allegations of HIB is prohibited. Students or employees will not be disciplined for making a report in good faith. However, persons found to knowingly report or corroborate false allegations will be subject to appropriate discipline.

Compliance Officer

The superintendent will appoint a compliance officer as the primary district contact to receive copies of all [HIB Incident Report Forms](#) and to ensure policy implementation. The name and contact information for the compliance officer will be communicated throughout the district. **The district compliance officer will participate in at least one (1) mandatory training opportunity offered by OSPI.**

The superintendent is authorized to direct the development and implementation of procedures to carry out this policy.

Cross references: [Board Policy 2124](#)
[Board Policy 2125](#)

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[RCW 26.44](#)

[RCW 28A.300.285](#)

[RCW 28A.600.480](#)

[RCW 28A.640](#)

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