

Forest View Elementary Staff Handbook

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Everett Public Schools Vision

Our students will lead and shape the future. They will be well-rounded, healthy, and flexible thinkers with a global perspective who can access resources and collaborate. They will demonstrate empathy, pride, and advocacy for self, school, and community while respecting the diversity and worth of others. They will acquire the knowledge, attitudes, and skills to adapt to the emerging needs of a changing world.

Everett Public Schools Mission

Inspire, educate, and prepare each student to achieve to high standards, contribute to our community, and thrive in a global society.

The Mission of Forest View Elementary

Forest View Elementary school provides rigorous and aligned instruction in order to foster flexible thinkers prepared to address the demands of a 21st century global community. We pursue collaborative solutions to ensure the growth of all students.

Forest View Building Instructional Leadership Team

Our School Improvement Team meets on Tuesdays once each month from 8:00 – 9:00am. The purpose is to facilitate the implementation of the School Improvement Plan that was developed by the entire staff. The School Improvement Team is composed of the team leaders from each of the grade level and/or content teams, the leaders of the action teams and the administrative team.

School Events Calendar

Any staff members requesting a calendar/event addition or change, please see Office Assistant and/or the Office Manager for approval prior to any official change to the School Events Calendar. Staff members are expected to consult the School Events Calendar for possible conflicts when planning events. Events that will take place outside of the regular school day on the Forest View campus require an approved Facilities Use Permit (FUP), which is available from the Office Manager. A FUP must be submitted in time to effectively notify other organizations which use our campus. Use of the cafeteria during the school day must also be scheduled through the Office Assistant.

Staff Meetings

These meetings are intended for Forest View staff and will begin on Tuesdays, once per month at 8:25am in the library with the exception of extended staff meetings which may be after school. Extended staff meetings will be communicated well in advance. By contract, attendance is required for all certificated staff; other staff members are encouraged to attend. Certificated staff who are not able to attend a staff meeting are expected to discuss the need to be absent with an administrator prior to the meeting.

Important Dates

Important school dates will be updated in the weekly staff newsletter.

August 28-29	Learning Improvement Day
September 2	Labor Day
September 4	First day of school for students G1 – G5
September 9	First day of school for Kindergarteners
October 11	LID Day. No school for students
November 15	Early release for conferences preparation
November 11	Veteran's Day, no school
November 18-22	Early release for parent conferences
November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break, no school
December 20	Early release
December 23- January 3	Winter Break, no school
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no school
February 7	Individually Directed Workday – no students
February 17-18	Midwinter Break, no school
March 21	Early release for conference prep
March 24- 28	Early release for parent conferences
March 31-April 4	Spring Break, no school
May 26	Memorial Day, no school
June 6	Early release
June 18	Last student day, early release
June 19	Juneteenth, no school

Note: Emergency make-up days will be added to the end of the school year.

Administrator-facilitated Fridays

Administrators will engage with collegial teams on matters related to progress monitoring and interventions, continuous improvement of instruction, school programs, professional growth, student learning opportunities and best instructional practices.

Employee-facilitated Fridays

Employees will engage in the implementation of programs and classroom instruction, which may include but not be limited to, planning lessons and units, scoring and analyzing students' work, using the data to plan next steps, and/or collaborating with their colleagues in this process.

Please see the district's Employee Calendar 2024-2025 for LIF dates. LIF information is also included in the weekly Falcon Flyer newsletter.

Forest View Staff List

Main Office # 425 385-7900

Fax # 425 385-7902

24 Hour Attendance Line # 425 385-7905

SONITROL # 425 258-3655

Administration	Room	Ext	Specialists	Room	Ext
Stoddard, Bethany, Principal	B 206	7990	Alvanos, Britani (STEM)	C 104	7944
Radcliff, Brent Assistant Principal	B 206	7991	Davis, Ali (Coach)	B 206	7914
Davidson, Kristi Office Manager	B 206	7901	Fornia, Chandler (Resource)	C 205	7975
Andrzejewski, Ginny Office Secretary	B 206	7903	Hoyer, Michele (PE)	C 206	7977
Phaysith, Andrea RN	B 206	7904	Johnson, Mary (Library)	B 202	7908
Kuehl, Capi, HRA	B 206	7906	Kay, Kendra (Music)	C 206	7980
Life Skills			Marks, Kelly (SLP)	A 106	7926
Chamberlin, Sarah	A 208	7958	Maranan, Rosario (Cherrie) (OT/PT)	B 206	7914
Kindergarten			McNeal, Alison (Counselor)	B 206	7910
Carpenter, Sage	A 206	7956	Platteborze, Sarah (Art)	C 104	7944
Cheshire, Rainey	A 207	7957	TBD (ML)	A 105	7936
Denning, Liz	A 205	7955	Russell, Alicica (Art)	C 104	7944
Grothaus, Teghan	A 204	7954	Saxena, Pooja	A 107	7927
First Grade			Vincent, Stephanie (Psych)	B 206	7912
Comer, Katrina	C 202	7972	Yaniv, Melissa (SLP)	A 106	7926
Crawford, Joya	C 203	7973	Food & Nutrition Staff		
Erbeck, Jordan	C 204	7974	Anderson, Janine	C 206	7907
Romero, Pam	C 201	7971	Stafford, Ann Manager	C 206	7907
Second Grade			Custodial Staff		
Frank, Annie	A 201	7951	Kuchok, Oser	C 206	7997
Hoefer, Christy	A 203	7953	Stafford, Melissa Manager	C 206	7997
Hopkins, Sonya	A 202	7952	Support Staff		
Robb, Gema (HC)	A 101	7921	Alaawar, Nabila	B 206	7909
Willey, CC (HC)	A 104	7924	Bennett, Jennifer	B 206	7909
TBD	B 203	7963	Beutler, Shereen	B 206	7909
Third Grade			Breen, Liz	A 105	7925
Al-Mansouri, Banin	B 104	7934	Cottingham, Rachel	A 208	7958
Chand, Devi	B 102	7932	Goehring, Nicole	A 102	7922
Hammon, Lora (HC)	B 201	7961	Johnson, Liz	B 206	7909
Jenks, Lora	B 101	7931	Kaur, Simerjeet	A 105	7925
Rawlins, Julie (HC)	A 102	7922	Kwon, Linda	A 208	7958
Romine, Alexis	B 103	7933	Lin, Lin	B 206	7909
Zarnick, Jackie (HC)	A 102	7922	McPherson, Carol	A 208	7958
Fourth Grade			Obispo, Irene	A 105	7925
Caffrey, Arika (HC)	P-3	7983	Renjith, Keerthi	A 208	7958
Cato, Misty	P-2	7982	Van, Amanda	B206	7909
Fox, Lisa	P-4	7984			
Johnson, Matt	P-1	7981			
Loftin, Tate (HC 4/5)	A 103	7923	Large Conference Room	B 206	7913
Fifth Grade			Staff Lounge		7920
Geer, Emma	C 101	7941			
Riehl, Hailey 4/5	C 102	7942			
Robb, Mark (HC)	P-5	7986			
Ryals, Derek	C 103	7943			

Forest View Policies and Procedures

ABSENCE REPORTING AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Report Absences

Report absences through Frontline – <https://login.frontlineeducation.com/sso/everettsd> or through the mobile app.

Leave without pay

Any leave without pay must be pre-approved by the immediate supervisor prior to the leave taken. Frontline has been updated to alert the employee that a Payroll Absence Verification Form is required for this type of leave to be taken.

Long-term leave & work restrictions

When an employee is on a long-term leave (medical, personal, childcare, etc.) they may not work for the District or anywhere else for the duration of their leave, without prior approval from the Executive Director of Human Resources. They may not attend classes offered by the district attend LID, in-service or other professional development days, nor may they work as a substitute in any capacity.

Questions about absence reporting contact

Substitute Coordinator @ 4111 or 24 Hour Line @ 425.320.1337

Payroll Absence Verification forms available in office

COMMUNICATIONS

Morning Bulletin

The morning bulletin will be sent out daily by the Office Manager and will include information about teachers and staff that are out, substitutes in the building, and morning staff announcements.

Email

Email is considered a central form of communication in the Everett Public Schools. “All messages on the Everett Public Schools email system are considered to be Public Records. No privacy is guaranteed for any message sent on this system. Never send a message that you would not want to see appear in the newspaper, court records, etc. Email is also filtered for key words to identify unwanted threats, hate mail, etc. If you have private messages to send, you should use another communication system.” (Information Systems Training Document, 2003)

All staff are to check their email each work day. Refer to the email guidelines under Instructional Resources for specific policies and procedures related to the acceptable use of district email. Students must not be given teacher’s password to access teacher’s email or other electronic records.

Staff Weekly Bulletin

The Falcon Flyer is published once a week and will be accessible through email. Staff members are responsible to read the weekly bulletin carefully each week. Schedules for the week, calendar changes, important news, instructional tips, and other critical information are included. If any staff member would like to include information in the bulletin send it to Monique or Brent before Friday. The information in the weekly bulletin is for staff only; students and parents should not have access to this information. Please keep your copies in a secure location.

Mailboxes in Office

Teachers are requested to check their mailbox before and after school. Only emergency messages will be delivered to the classroom. **Teachers should not send students to the office to retrieve mail.** Please check regularly so important messages are not lost.

Public Relations

As staff members of Forest View Elementary and an employee of the Everett Public School we all share the responsibility to promote a positive image of our school. Studies show that our community members put more faith in the comments of staff members than in our printed information or comments by students. Please use discretion when discussing issues and concerns with others in the community. **When approached by reporters regarding sensitive or tragic incidents, refer the reporter to the administration.**

Staff – Student Communication

- ☐ Contact between staff members and students should always be professional and, in order to ensure your own and the students' safety and welfare, should also be in public and reasonably related to the student's progress in school. Examples of appropriate interactions with students include, but are not limited to, classroom instruction, helping students with academics after school in your classroom or other campus location, and meeting with students in a school-sanctioned club or activity. Expressing care and concern for a student when they indicate that they are having personal or academic difficulty is also appropriate. Staff members other than trained counselors should take care, however, to avoid counseling students and should refer them to the school counselor as needed.
- ☐ In all your interactions, it should be clear that your role as a staff member is separate from your role as a private citizen. Examples of interactions with students where this separation of roles becomes unclear include, but are not limited to, inviting students to your home for social gatherings, engaging in telephone, email, text messaging, or other communications with students that are purely social in nature and not related to school.
- ☐ If at any time you feel that a student is communicating with you in a manner that puts your professionalism at risk, contact an administrator immediately.

Voice Mail

To facilitate communication with parents, teachers are requested to update their voice mail regularly and to check their voice mail on a daily basis. Remember to answer voice mail within 24 hours of receipt.

Communicating Discipline Concerns

Staff must keep others informed when there are discipline concerns developing with a student. Work closely with the counselor and with an administrator to develop appropriate, consistent interventions to address behavior concerns. It is the teacher's responsibility to inform parents of on-going behavior concerns.

DISCIPLINE

"Rules don't teach responsible and ethical behavior. People do."

Frey, Fisher, and Pumpian, 2012

According to ESD Policy 3000, "In order to preserve an orderly and safe learning environment, students must abide by the reasonable rules and instructions of staff. Corrective action shall be fairly and moderately handed out primarily to modify behavior rather than to punish students."

Teacher Rights and Responsibilities

Teachers have both rights and responsibilities in regard to student discipline in accordance with ESD Policy 3325 (reprinted in the Student Handbook). In addition, the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) outlines the rights and responsibilities of teachers regarding student discipline. Teacher rights are enumerated in CBA Section 5.07. Teacher responsibilities are stated in CBA Section 10.03 V.

Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports (PBIS)

Forest View Elementary is a PBIS school. The school has common area expectations posted in and around the building, and all staff are expected to support students making positive choices in their surroundings, following the shared expectations.

Discipline Plan:

Please follow the school's PBIS behavior plan below. All incidents must be reported using the TAC referral system. Mark them Minor for information only referrals, and Major for admin needed follow up referrals. A PBIS data team will regularly inspect referral data and develop plans to address needs the data reveals.

During a situation involving an escalation and a major behavior please call 7900 for help from the office, ask a colleague to get admin help, or send a student to the office to get help. Do not send escalated students out of the classroom without supervision or support, do not send escalated students up to the office. If necessary please evacuate room to keep other students safe while waiting for admin support.

The school will follow state law requirements around discipline and exclusion from the classroom, following the behavior matrix and information found in district policy.

Property Damage

"Damage of any nature to school property shall be reported to the site administrator."

Staff Lounge and Work Room

Staff are **NOT** to send students to the staff lounge or work room for **ANY** reason. It is important to maintain confidentiality and safety for our students. It is the responsibility of every staff member to clean up after themselves when using the staff lounge and work room.

Storage

In an effort to create equitable storage opportunity and minimize excess materials, please discard any old personal materials, and/or surplus old unused curriculum. Grade levels will work together to equally share storage space of up to 6 cabinets per teacher in the building, with additional cabinets used by other school staff.

FIELD TRIPS

Approval for any Field Trips must go through Bethany. Field trip forms are available in the office from the Office Manager. (2320P)

Chaperones

The number of adult supervisors should be based upon the age of students, duration of the trip, safety considerations, and nature of activities planned. Students should be under the direct supervision of a staff member or adult supervisor. It is the responsibility of the teachers to check the list of approved volunteers who are already approved. Be sure to discuss any questions about adequate supervision with the Principal. A district staff member shall accompany students on field trips.

Time Frames

Because field trip requests can often come in during “peak request seasons” the first two weeks and the last three weeks of a semester will be times when field trip requests are not accepted. Exceptions will be looked at individually by Bethany.

FINANCES

Cash Handling

Here are some basic policies to remember when working with cash:

- ☐ Before charging a fee for any school activity, item or event, discuss your plan with an Administrator. State laws and district policies are very strict concerning fund raising in public schools.
- ☐ Far in advance, request a cash box and any necessary documents that will be needed for your event with the Office Manager.
- ☐ After sales are done for the day, count all money, and fill out an Activity cash report.
- ☐ The Activity cash report and all money **MUST** be turned in to the Office Manager daily!
- ☐ Checks must be made payable to Forest View Elementary.
- ☐ It is **ILLEGAL** to give cash back if a check is written for more than the amount required.
- ☐ **NEVER** cash a check outright.

Collecting Money From Students

All money collected by teachers for any reason must be turned into the office with the collection envelope provided by the office documenting student payment. At no time is a teacher to use extra cash donated funds to purchase additional items for the classroom, a Field Trip, or any other reason.

Fees

Our obligation is to provide a free public education. “The District shall provide an educational program for the students as free of costs as possible.” [3520] Students, however, will be charged for loss or damage to materials. Policy 2311P states, “Students and/or parents will be held responsible for instructional materials lost or damaged.” Teachers may not establish any fees or fines—such policies must be established through the Principal.

Fund Raising

All fundraising activities must be handled through the Office Manager. Well in advance, a fundraiser request form must be filled out and signed by the club/team, advisor/coach, ASB cabinet representative, ASB Treasurer, and Primary Advisor.

It is critical that all appropriate procedures are followed when having a fundraiser. **Please meet with the Office Manager and administration prior to the fundraiser to help insure all necessary steps are followed.**

Tutoring

“School facilities, material or equipment will not be available without charge for paid private lessons or tutoring conducted by staff members or others.” [5220]

No Personal Gain From Students

Under state law, school personnel may not gain financially from students or their parents through the conduct of their professional duties.

Requisitions and Purchase Orders for General Fund

- ☐ Purchases should be planned in advance and be supportive of school goals.
- ☐ General Fund purchases are handled by the Office Manager. Please see them with any questions. Reimbursements **MUST** be pre-approved. Do not make a purchase without getting the proper approval.

Technology Repair Procedures

Please send all technology related problems/issues to Help Desk at ext. 4357. If they are unable to resolve the issue, then administration will assist.

Use of School Resources

Under state law, school personnel may not use resources provided for educational purposes for their own use. This would be regarded as a misuse of public funds, or a “gift of public funds.” For example, staff members cannot use school equipment without charge to teach a course under the auspices of another school unless the district is reimbursed.

GRADING AND PROGRESS REPORTS

Assessment

“All assessment shall be designed so that the results are used by educators as tools to evaluate instructional practices and to initiate appropriate educational support for students. Assessments shall provide an opportunity for students to be measured fairly and impartially.” [2130]

End of Semester Grading

Report card procedures and due dates will be announced prior to each grading period.

Grade Book

Teachers are required by state law to maintain an up-to-date grade book which records grades, student absences, and tardies. The marking system should be clear, fair, and accurate. An explanation should provide a key to understanding markings. Each teacher will be responsible for keeping records in Online Gradebook accurate and appropriate for parental viewing and sharing.

Report Cards

Report cards are mailed home after the close of Semester. Grades are due according to a schedule communicated by the district.

INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES

Academic Freedom

The ESD Policy 2330 addresses the rights of teachers and students. “Education is fostered in an atmosphere in which academic freedom for staff is encouraged and promoted, with due consideration for the rights of students and the community. Teachers are entitled to exercise academic freedom subject to accepted standards of professional responsibility.”

Copyright Compliance

Be aware of copyright laws when using copyrighted materials. “The reproduction or use of copyrighted material by educators and librarians is permitted by law under certain circumstances. District personnel shall abide by such principles of ‘fair use’ as permitted by law, federal guidelines, and district procedures.”

Copyright Laws and Videos

By law, as well as by intent, the pre-recorded home videocassettes and videodiscs which are available in stores throughout the United States are for HOME USE only—unless you have a license to show them elsewhere. The Federal Copyright Act (Public Law 95-553, Title 17 of the U.S. Code) contains, simple, straightforward rules governing showing of video materials. These rules are summarized in the following paragraphs.

1. The rental or purchase of home videocassette DOES NOT carry with it the right to show it outside the home (Section 202).
2. Home videocassettes may be shown, without a license, in the home to a normal circle of family and its social acquaintances because such showings are not public.

3. Home videocassettes may be shown, without a license, in certain narrowly defined “face-to-face” teaching activities (Section 110.0) because the law makes a specific, limited exception to such showings. There are not other exceptions. (It is a violation to show such videos in schools for recreation, reward or recess).
4. All other showings of home videocassettes are illegal unless they have been authorized by license. Even “performances in ‘semipublic’ places such as clubs, lodges, factories, summer camps and schools are “public” performance subject to copyright control.” (Senate Report No. 94-473, page 60; House Report No. 94-1476, page 62)
5. Businesses, institutions, organizations, companies or individuals wishing to engage in non-home showings of home videocassettes must secure licenses to do to—regardless of whether an admission or other fee is charged.
6. (Section 501). This legal requirement applies equally to profit-making organizations and non-profit institutions (Senate Report No. 94-473, page 59; House Report No. 94-1476, page 62)

Showing of home videocassettes without a license, when one is required, is an infringement of copyright. If done “willfully and for purposes of commercial advantage or private financial gain,” it is a federal crime (Section 506). In addition, even innocent or inadvertent infringes are subject to substantial civil damages, ranging from \$500 to \$20,000 for each illegal showing, and other penalties (Section 501-502).

YouTube & Online Video Services

Teachers who are planning on using online video services such as YouTube must download/preview material prior to showing the videos to students. This allows teachers to avoid possible inappropriate images or language from being presented to students live.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance at Forest View Elementary is recited in each classroom at the beginning of announcements each morning. According to ESD Policy 2333, “Flag exercises shall be conducted in each classroom at the beginning of the school day and the opening of all school assemblies. Students not reciting the Pledge of Allegiance shall maintain a respectful silence.”

Flag etiquette: The flag should not be used for any decoration in general, flag should never be used for any advertising purpose, flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, the flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it. Flag etiquette referenced www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette

LESSON PLANS FOR SUBSTITUTES

Each teacher shall have adequate plans for use by substitutes. Those preparations should be on the teacher’s desk and available for an administrator to review.

PE INJURIES

If a PE injury occurs, the student must tell the appropriate PE teacher who will determine if the injury requires ice or other attention. Ice will be provided for the student. If further treatment is indicated, the student will be sent to the nurse’s office with a pass directly from PE. With all head injuries, the student should be assessed in the Nurse’s Office and a Head Injury report form be filled out within 24 hours of the incident. The nurse or assistant will call the parent.

SAFETY RULES AND POLICIES

According to ESD Policy 6503P-D, “Students shall be oriented to the school setting the first week of school. Students shall be informed of designated areas for specific activities.” Teachers should frequently review fire and emergency procedures as well as classroom rules and procedures. All Science, Art, PE, and other staff working with potentially dangerous machinery or materials must develop a full set of guidelines to protect their students’ safety. These safety rules must be posted and copies sent home and with students for review with their parents.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Teachers should never conduct a search of a student, or their property. If you have any concerns about inappropriate student activity, please notify an Administrator.

SECURITY

Keys

If you do not have a key to get into the building, please see the Office Manager and keys will be issued to you with the approval of an administrator. Please follow these guidelines for school keys carefully:

1. Always keep your building key(s) with you. Keys are never to be given to students.
2. Sign a record for each key issued to you.
3. In the event of a lost key, the principal and office manager should be notified immediately. The principal is responsible for notifying the maintenance department immediately upon the report of a lost key.
4. Do not duplicate keys. This is a serious violation of district procedures.
5. Return all keys when you no longer have assigned school responsibilities for the areas of the campus for which you were issued keys.

Staff may request to retain their keys during the summer break but must verify the numbers of their keys with the Office Manager annually.

Personal Belongings

Each of us likes to personalize our work environment to make it comfortable and welcoming for students, parents and staff. When at all possible, the classroom or offices in schools should reflect student learning and work, balancing the creation of an attractive environment with student needs for a neat and orderly classroom that is not overly distracting or stimulating.

In creating this environment, care should be exercised as to the decorations, equipment and furniture that are brought; taking into account the ages of your students, health and safety factors. The district provides staff with appropriate equipment such as desks, chairs, file cabinets, therefore, it should not be necessary for staff to bring in their own items.

For energy conservation purposes, the district prohibits microwave ovens, refrigerators, coffee pots and other small appliances in classrooms and offices except in locations which are approved by the work site administrator; e.g. staff rooms. Also, for health and safety reasons, please see an administrator for guidelines which prohibit soft-sided furniture such as couches and overstuffed chairs, and slider-chairs.

A limited number of personal items which are in good taste, such as knickknacks, family photos, and small electronics such as a small radio are acceptable. There are limitations on the district’s responsibility for the care and security of personal items you choose to bring to school or your work site.

Sonitrol Security System

If it should become necessary for you to enter the building after hours, on the weekend or during holidays, Sonitrol, the district alarm company, must be notified. To do so, code into our building using the number provided to you by the administration. Instructions for use of the Sonitrol key panel are located in the Appendix. Never write your Sonitrol code number in a location where it can be found by anyone else. You are responsible for your part in protecting our building’s safety.

These procedures must be followed. If anyone enters one of the buildings on our campus without coding in, the Security Office will contact the police, and officers will be sent to the school immediately. **Above all else. Please work with the building custodians to ensure clear and accurate information about coding out of any building, if you are using your classroom or any other space, after hours, on weekends, or during holidays. Forest View is charged for every false security alarm!**

Sonitrol has installed sensors in all outside doors as well as sensitive microphones throughout the building, and actively monitors our campus whenever it is unattended. Entering a building without first turning off the Sonitrol system will cause police to respond.

Turning the System Off (to enter the building)

When you enter through a designated entry / exit door, the keypad will “beep” to remind you to turn the system off.

1. Enter your access code.
2. Press enter.
3. When the display states “Security is OFF” you are cleared to enter.
4. Sign in to indicate that you are in the building.

Turning the System On (to leave the building)

Before you begin, check to be sure the OFF, SYSTEM READY and AC POWER lights are illuminated. Do not prop open any doors—this will keep the system from approving your request.

1. Select the “On” security mode by pressing the up arrow below the word “On”
2. Enter your access code.
3. Press ENTER.
4. The display will state “Security is ON”. This means the system is now on. The pad will begin to “beep” slowly. Leave the school immediately through the designated Entry/Exit door.

Volunteers

The following policies govern the use of volunteers: ESD Policy 5430: “The district recognizes the valuable contribution made to the total school program through the volunteer assistance of parents and other citizens; hence, use of volunteers in the district is encouraged, subject to suitable regulations and safeguards.” ESD Policy 5430P: “A volunteer works under the direction and supervision of a district staff member. Volunteers are required to complete a disclosure statement (5430P, page 3) as part of the volunteer screening process.” Please notify the Office Manager, if you have a volunteer or wish to have one.

SELLING ITEMS AT SCHOOL

The conducting of private business or selling unauthorized items is prohibited.

MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS TEAM (MTSS)

The Forest View MTSS Team meets regularly. The purpose of the team is to make decisions and recommendations about the students who are struggling with academics, discipline, attendance, or social-emotional health. If teacher intervention produces unsuccessful results, students are referred by the teacher to the student’s counselor.

STUDENT PROPERTY

See Student Handbook for Procedure

PRIVACY RIGHTS OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) AND STUDENTS

The Everett School District, in compliance with Federal Laws 93-308 and 93-568, presents these facts for the information of parent(s)/guardian(s) and students.

As in the past, a student's records are open for inspection and review with interpretation to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student, legal guardian(s), or the student himself/herself if eighteen years of age or older. Appointments may be made at the principal's office for viewing cumulative records of grades, achievement test scores, health records, or psychological records. (Psychologicals are administered only with prior parent(s)/guardian(s) approval.) Parent(s)/guardian(s) or students eighteen years of age or older may view their records, attach written comments, or request a hearing to remove a part of the records.

Student record information will not be released to most persons or agencies without the written consent of the parent(s)/guardian(s). However, the Everett School District will forward elementary and secondary student's educational records on request to the school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll without further parent(s)/guardian(s) notification. Parent(s)/guardian(s) may receive a copy of the records at their expense if requested. Similarly, transcripts or other information requested by students will be forwarded to colleges and educational institutions to which students are applying.

All rights of review and Due Process procedures transfer from parent(s)/guardian(s) to the individual student when the student becomes eighteen years of age.

For junior and senior high students, directory information includes the following information relating to a student: the student's name, address, telephone number, activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, graduation lists, class lists, scholarship and award winners, addresses and telephone numbers of Title I and Title IV students and parent(s)/guardian(s) for Advisory Committee use.

Information relating to the student's school records will be given to prospective employers at the request of the student.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) not wishing this information be made public should notify the school principal in writing within ten (10) calendar days following notice of these rights to students.

The following table of Rules, and definition should be helpful:

School Conduct Rules

Everett School District No. 2

Refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

STUDENT RECOGNITION

All staff should plan for the recognition of personal and academic achievement of students. "The Board encourages staff to recognize students for significant growth and/or improvement in academic achievement and/or distinguished performance in any school or classroom activity." [2440]

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Assemblies

Attendance at all school assemblies for both students and teachers is required. Teachers should sit in their assigned locations during assemblies and should actively monitor their students' behavior and attentiveness. Teachers should review the assembly expectations prior to each assembly. Teachers without students should be alert to supervise where needed.

Hall Pass

If it is necessary for a student to leave class, the student should carry the designated hall pass.

STUDENT WELFARE**Accidents**

“Staff have the affirmative duty to aid an injured student and act in a reasonable and prudent manner in obtaining immediate care.” [3431P] Send the injured student to the office immediately with an escort, if the injured student is able to go safely and comfortably. Otherwise, notify the office and request help while making the injured student as comfortable and as safe as possible.

Complete and submit an accident report to the office promptly. If you yourself are hurt while at work, call the office immediately to ensure proper care. As soon as possible, obtain and complete an accident report form, available from the Office Manager. There is a short form for emergency accidents and a different form for non-emergency accidents.

Medication

No medication shall be given to students by school personnel, with the exception of those authorized and trained to dispense medication. The parents of students needing medication during school hours must first give the medication to the Health Room Assistant, who will distribute and monitor the student’s dosage.

Safety

All staff members are responsible for student safety under the following ESD Policy 3420P, page 1: “Staff are responsible for creating and maintaining the safest possible environment for students at all times.” Except for during a lockdown, windows, doors and sightlines shall remain unobstructed.

Suicide

“Any staff member who receives or discovers information about a potential suicide (notes, threats, conversations, etc.) will immediately notify the principal.” [3423P, page 1]. Also, contact the counselor so action may be taken to assist the student.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE BY STAFF REPORTING PROCESS

If you suspect a staff person is at work under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or other intoxicants you are to:

1. Immediately have a witness present with the individual. It is preferable to have a witness who has substance abuse training, e.g. a substance abuse counselor.
2. Notify the Assistant Superintendent or a Human Resources Director immediately whether it is a verified or a secondhand report. You will be then guided through the next steps. It is of little value to report the suspected usage the next day, week or weeks afterwards. Do not take a wait and see approach.
3. Do not send the person home!
4. Encourage them to take a substance abuse test through the district’s provider or an appropriate medical clinic.
5. For certificated staff, keep in mind the Code of Professional Conduct, WAC 180-87-055, Alcohol or Controlled Substance Abuse:

Unprofessional conduct includes:

Being under the influence of alcohol or of a controlled substance, as defined in chapter 69.50 RCW, on school premises or at a school-sponsored activity involving students, following:

- ☐ Notification of the education practitioner by his or her employer of concern regarding alcohol or substance abuse affecting job performance.
- ☐ A recommendation by the employer that the education practitioner seek counseling or other appropriate and available assistance; and

☐ The education practitioner has had a reasonable opportunity to obtain such assistance.

The possession, use or consumption on school premises or at school-sponsored activity of a Schedule 1 controlled substance, as defined by the state board of pharmacy, or a Schedule 2 controlled substance, as defined by the state board of pharmacy, without a prescription authorizing such use.

The consumption of an alcoholic beverage on school premises or at a school-sponsored activity involving students if such consumption is contrary to written policy of the school district or school building.

SUBSTITUTES / GUEST TEACHERS

Guest Teachers are a critical part of the smooth operation of the education program at Forest View Elementary. Staff are expected to carefully prepare for any absence, whether pre-arranged or sudden. You should speak frequently with your students concerning your expectations for behavior and activity at any time when the class is being taught by a guest teacher.

1. Each teacher should have a substitute folder which contains the following: lesson plans, specific classroom routines, emergency procedures, daily schedule, seating charts, class lists, contact information, and emergency sub plans. Substitute procedure forms and substitute folders must be updated and prepared.
2. All staff shall maintain up-to-date seating charts for each class and keep them in a place where a guest teacher can locate them easily.
3. Teachers shall develop plans to assist guest teachers in conducting learning experiences appropriate to their subject and the instructional goals.” (Collective Bargaining Agreement 10.03)
4. Preferred guest teachers can be requested through the district’s automated substitute calling program. Staff with questions about this system should ask for help from the Office Manager. Staff are responsible for informing the district of any personal absence by calling the Automated Sub System or by logging in to the system from the district website. All absences must be recorded in the system, whether you require a substitute or not. Staff must log in or call in to the system personally; the office cannot call in an absence for you. Any non-personal (eg. Field trip/conference) absence must be communicated to Ros Resch so she can enter the absence and “order” a sub.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Early Dismissal Procedures for Weather or Other Emergencies

In the case of an early dismissal from school for weather or other emergencies, staff are required by contract to remain on campus until all students have been safely dismissed.

Emergency Evacuations

Emergency evacuation routes are posted near your classroom door. Students should exit quietly and remain focused on the adult in charge. Drills take place monthly and will be announced through the school calendar. Additionally, each classroom is equipped with an Emergency Backpack. Directions specific to each type of emergency can be found in our School Safety Handbook.

Exposure Procedures

If you experience direct contact with blood or other body fluids (including saliva) as from a needle stick, cut, bite or eye splash, post-exposure treatment may be necessary. Referral to an occupational medicine center must occur as soon as possible after exposure; within 2 hours for HIV and 24 hours for Hepatitis B infection to provide protection. What you must do if exposed:

1. Immediately wash the exposed area with soap and water for at least ten seconds.

2. Notify the building office manager, health room assistant or nurse immediately. They will fill out an Exposure Incident Report Form.
3. Call the Human Resources Department at 425-385-4114 or 425-385-4100 with a report of the incident. The Exposure Incident Report Form must be faxed to Human Resource Department at 425-385-4102 and the completed original must be sent to Human Resources via district mail. A confidential medical evaluation and follow-up will be set up immediately. The health care provider at the Health Force will determine if treatment is necessary. This evaluation will be at no cost to the employee.
4. If the incident involves another individual (exposure source) as a result of an incident such as biting or an accident involving blood, the exposure source will then be asked to go to the occupational medicine center for testing at the same time the employee is sent for a medical evaluation. If the source of blood or other body fluid exposure is a child, it will be necessary to request that the parent/guardian have the child tested.
5. An exposure is considered an on-the-job injury. Complete an Employee Accident Report Form and Self-Insurer Accident Report Form (SIF-2) and return both completed forms to Human Resources. A Physician's Report Form must be received in Human Resources before you can return to work. (All forms are available in our main office or through Human Resources.)
6. The Human Resources Department must maintain required records for at least the duration of employment plus 30 years.

Late start/cancellation for weather or other emergencies

Staff members are expected to make all safe efforts to arrive at work at the usual time in the case of a late start. Staff will not be notified by the district via the Connect-ED phone system if school is cancelled or is starting late, unless only Forest View is impacted. Otherwise, the school and District will not make a call. Staff are responsible for accessing local media for this information.

Most radio and television stations announce school schedule changes or cancellations every 15 to 30 minutes. When inclement weather or other emergency conditions delay the staff of the school day or cause a school cancellation, you are advised to listen to the major area radio and TV stations. Everett Public Schools make school schedule change announcements, if at all possible, before 5:30 AM. The district website also links to the region's emergency communications system listing schedule changes for all school districts.

District Policies and Procedures



District policies are adopted by the Everett Public Schools Board of Directors, based on state and federal laws and regulations. Procedures are developed by administrative staff to implement board adopted policies.

The following pages provide district staff our nondiscrimination, harassment, and complaint policies and procedures, as well as some of the most frequently referenced policies and procedures. Included are examples of how the policy/procedure might apply in a specific situation. All district policies and procedures can be accessed online at <https://docushare.everett.k12.wa.us/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-189>.

Nondiscrimination Statement

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

Chad Golden
3900 Broadway, Everett 98201
425-385-4103
cgolden@everettsd.org

Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer

Chad Golden
3900 Broadway, Everett 98201
425-385-4100
cgolden@everettsd.org

Section 504 Coordinator

Dave Peters
3900 Broadway, Everett 98201
425-385-4063
dpeters@everettsd.org

Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator

Joi Odom Grant
3900 Broadway, Everett 98201
425-385-4000
jgrant@everettsd.org

ADA Coordinator

Chad Golden
3900 Broadway, Everett 98201
425-385-4100
cgolden@everettsd.org

Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) Compliance Officer

Danielle Mundell
3721 Oakes Avenue, Everett 98201
425-385-4260
Dmundell2@everettsd.org

Please refer to the enclosed nondiscrimination policy for further information on how to submit an informal or formal complaint. Staff needing information regarding translation services or transitional bilingual education programs can contact Chris Fulford at cfulford@everettsd.org or 425-385-4030.



Everett Public Schools

3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201
425-385-4000 www.everettsd.org

Our Schools Protect Students from Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB)

Schools are meant to be safe and inclusive environments where all students are protected from Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB), including in the classroom, on the school bus, in school sports, and during other school activities. This section defines HIB, explains what to do when you see or experience it, and our school's process for responding to it.

What is HIB?

HIB is any intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act of a student that:

- Physically harms another student or damages their property;
- Has the effect of greatly interfering with another student's education; or
- Is so severe, persistent, or significant that it creates an intimidating or threatening education environment for other students.

HIB generally involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. HIB is not allowed, by law, in our schools.

How can I make a report or complaint about HIB?

Talk to any school staff member (consider starting with whoever you are most comfortable with!) You may use our district's [reporting form](#) to share concerns about HIB, but reports about HIB can be made in writing or verbally. Your report can be made anonymously, if you are uncomfortable revealing your identity, or confidentially if you prefer it not be shared with other students involved with the report. No disciplinary action will be taken against another student based **solely** on an anonymous or confidential report.

If a staff member is notified of, observes, overhears, or otherwise witnesses HIB, they must take prompt and appropriate action to stop the HIB behavior and to prevent it from happening again. Our district also has a HIB Compliance Officer who supports prevention and response to HIB: Dani Mundell, DMundell2@everettsd.org, 425-385-4260.

What happens after I make a report about HIB?

If you report HIB, school staff must attempt to resolve the concerns. If the concerns are resolved, then no further action may be necessary. However, if you feel that you or someone you know is the victim of unresolved, severe, or persistent HIB that requires further investigation and action, then you should request an official HIB investigation.

Also, the school must take actions to ensure that those who report HIB don't experience retaliation.

What is the investigation process?

When you report a complaint, the HIB Compliance Officer or staff member leading the investigation must notify the families of the students involved with the complaint and must make sure a prompt and thorough investigation takes place. The investigation must be completed within five (5) school days unless you agree on a different timeline. If your complaint involves circumstances that require a longer investigation, the district will notify you with the anticipated date for their response.

When the investigation is complete, the HIB Compliance Officer or the staff member leading the investigation must provide you with the outcomes of the investigation within two (2) school days. This response should include:

- A summary of the results of the investigation;
- A determination of whether the HIB is substantiated;
- Any corrective measures or remedies needed; and
- Clear information about how you can appeal the decision.

What are the next steps if I disagree with the outcome?

For the student designated as the "targeted student" in a complaint:

If you do not agree with the school district's decision, you may appeal against the decision and include any additional information regarding the complaint to the superintendent, or the person assigned to lead the appeal, and then to the school board.

For the student designated as the "aggressor" in a complaint:

A student found to be an "aggressor" in a HIB complaint may not appeal the decision of a HIB investigation. They can, however, appeal corrective actions that result from the findings of the HIB investigation.

For more information about the HIB complaint process, including important timelines, please see the district's [HIB webpage](#) or the district's HIB [Policy 3204](#) and [Procedure 3204P](#).

Our School Stands Against Discrimination

Discrimination can happen when someone is treated differently or unfairly because they are part of a **protected class**, including their race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, religion, creed, disability, use of a service animal, or veteran or military status.

What is discriminatory harassment?

Discriminatory harassment can include teasing and name-calling; graphic and written statements; or other conduct that may be physically threatening, harmful, or humiliating. Discriminatory harassment happens when the conduct is based on a student's protected class and is serious enough to create a hostile environment. A **hostile environment** is created when conduct is so severe, pervasive, or persistent that it limits a student's ability to participate in, or benefit from, the school's services, activities, or opportunities.

Click on the links to review the district's Nondiscrimination [Policy 3210](#) and [Procedure 3210P](#).

What is sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment is any unwelcome conduct or communication that is sexual in nature and substantially interferes with a student's educational performance or creates an intimidating or hostile environment. Sexual harassment can also occur when a student is led to believe they must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct or communication to gain something in return, such as a grade or a place on a sports team.

Examples of sexual harassment can include pressuring a person for sexual actions or favors; unwelcome touching of a sexual nature; graphic or written statements of a sexual nature; distributing sexually explicit texts, e-mails, or pictures; making sexual jokes, rumors, or suggestive remarks; and physical violence, including rape and sexual assault.

Our schools do not discriminate based on sex and prohibit sex discrimination in all of our education programs and employment, as required by Title IX and state law.

Click the link to review the district's Sexual Harassment [Policy 3205](#) and [Procedure 3205P](#).

What should my school do about discriminatory and sexual harassment?

When a school becomes aware of possible discriminatory or sexual harassment, it must investigate and stop the harassment. The school must address any effects the harassment had on the student at school, including eliminating the hostile environment, and make sure that the harassment does not happen again.

What can I do if I'm concerned about discrimination or harassment?

Talk to a coordinator or submit a written complaint. You may contact the following school district staff members to report your concerns, ask questions, or learn more about how to resolve your concerns.

Concerns about discrimination:

Civil Rights Coordinator: Chad Golden, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 425-385-4100, CGolden@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213

Concerns about sex discrimination, including sexual harassment:

Title IX Coordinator: Chad Golden, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 425-385-4100, CGolden@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213

Concerns about disability discrimination:

Section 504 Coordinator: Dave Peters, Director of Student Services, 425-385-4063, DPeters@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213

Concerns about discrimination based on gender identity:

Joi Odom Grant, Director Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 425-385-4000, jgrant@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213

To **submit a written complaint**, describe the conduct or incident that may be discriminatory and send it by mail, fax, email, or hand delivery to the school principal, district superintendent, or civil rights coordinator. Submit the complaint as soon as possible for a prompt investigation, and within one (1) year of the conduct or incident.

What happens after I file a discrimination complaint?

The Civil Rights Coordinator will give you a copy of the school district's discrimination complaint procedure. The Civil Rights Coordinator must make sure a prompt and thorough investigation takes place. The investigation must be completed within 30 calendar days unless you agree to a different timeline. If your complaint involves exceptional circumstances that require a longer investigation, the Civil Rights Coordinator will notify you in writing with the anticipated date for their response.

When the investigation is complete, the school district superintendent or the staff member leading the investigation will send you a written response. This response will include:

- A summary of the results of the investigation;
- A determination of whether the school district failed to comply with civil rights laws;
- Any corrective measures or remedies needed; and
- Notice about how you can appeal the decision.

What are the next steps if I disagree with the outcome?

If you do not agree with the outcome of your complaint, you may appeal the decision to a hearing officer designated by the superintendent and then to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). More information about this process, including important timelines, is included in the district's Nondiscrimination [Procedure 3210P](#) and Sexual Harassment [Procedure 3205P](#).

I already submitted an HIB complaint – what will my school do?

Harassment, intimidation, or bullying (HIB) can also be discrimination if it's related to a protected class. If you give your school a written report of HIB that involves discrimination or sexual harassment, your school will notify the Civil Rights Coordinator. The school district will investigate the complaint using both the Nondiscrimination [Procedure 3210P](#) and the HIB [Procedure 3204P](#) to **fully resolve your complaint**.

Who else can help with HIB or Discrimination Concerns?

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)

All reports must start locally at the school or district level. However, OSPI can assist students, families, communities, and school staff with questions about state law, the HIB complaint process, and the discrimination and sexual harassment complaint processes.

OSPI School Safety Center (For questions about harassment, intimidation, and bullying)

- Website: ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/health-safety/school-safety-center
- Email: schoolsafety@k12.wa.us
- Phone: 360-725-6068

OSPI Equity and Civil Rights Office (For questions about discrimination and sexual harassment)

- Website: ospi.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/equity-and-civil-rights
- Email: equity@k12.wa.us
- Phone: 360-725-6162

Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO)

The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds works with families, communities, and schools to address problems together so every student can fully participate and thrive in Washington's K-12 public schools. OEO provides informal conflict resolution tools, coaching, facilitation, and training about family, community engagement, and systems advocacy.

- Website: <https://www.oeo.wa.gov/en>
- Email: oeoinfo@gov.wa.gov
- Phone: 1-866-297-2597

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

The U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) enforces federal nondiscrimination laws in public schools, including those that prohibit discrimination based on sex, race, color, national origin, disability, and age. OCR also has a discrimination complaint process.

- Website: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html>
- Email: OCR@ed.gov
- Phone: 800-421-3481

Our Schools are Gender-Inclusive

In Washington, all students have the right to be treated consistent with their gender identity at school. Our schools will:

- Address students by their requested name and pronouns, with or without a legal name change.
- Change a student's gender designation and have their gender accurately reflected in school records.
- Allow students to use restrooms and locker rooms that align with their gender identity.
- Allow students to participate in sports, physical education courses, field trips, and overnight trips in accordance with their gender identity.
- Keep health and education information confidential and private.
- Allow students to wear clothing that reflects their gender identity and apply dress codes without regard to a student's gender or perceived gender.
- Protect students from teasing, bullying, or harassment based on their gender or gender identity.

Click to review the district's Gender-Inclusive Schools [Policy 3213](#) and [Procedure 3213P](#). If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator: Joi Odom Grant, Director Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 425-385-4000, jgrant@everettsd.org, PO Box 2098, Everett WA 98213

For concerns about discrimination or discriminatory harassment based on gender identity or gender expression, please see the information above.

RESOLUTION NO. 1237

Affirming our Commitment to Condemning Racism and Supporting Peaceful Protest

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Everett Public Schools in response to the death of George Floyd, condemning racism and supporting peaceful protest.

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020 the life of George Floyd was tragically taken by four Minneapolis police officers; and

WHEREAS, the unjust death of George Floyd has highlighted the continued racism and unequal justice that still exists in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the students of Everett Public Schools have been exposed to this traumatic event through graphic visual displays of people in positions of authority committing violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent public displays of both peaceful and violent demonstrations throughout our country, as well as displays of unprovoked violence by law enforcement at those demonstrations, have impacted the students and staff of Everett Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes its responsibility to provide an environment which educates and teaches our students that we can and must uphold the rights and dignity of all members of our communities, and we must never enable those who would act otherwise; and

WHEREAS, as educators and educational leaders we are committed to action in assisting the Everett Public Schools community to process these events within our core values of Equity, Diversity, Collaboration, Respect, Integrity, Passion and Learning; and

WHEREAS, as we move forward and continue striving for social justice and racial equity, let these words by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. be on the forefront of our minds "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors reemphasizes the importance of its board policies and the associated administrative procedures focused on each student's equitable access to education:

1. Mourns the death of George Floyd and joins the call for justice;
2. Supports Black students, staff and families during this time of turmoil;
3. Supports those in Everett Public Schools who wish to protest peacefully without fear of intimidation;

4. Does not support returning hate with hate or violence with violence;
5. Condemns acts of violence and damage to public and private property;
6. Commits to finding actionable ways to make our school district more just for everyone; and
7. Stands proudly for racial equality and safety for all of our students and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, does hereby charge the superintendent to strengthen anti-racism and equity policies and training for all staff and students.

ADOPTED this 9th day of June, 2020, and authenticated by the signatures affixed below.

ATTESTED BY:

Jan B. Saltzman
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Everett Public Schools is a diverse, inclusive, and equitable school district where all students, employees, and volunteers, whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education or physical, sensory, or mental ability should feel valued and respected. The district respects diverse life experiences, heritages, and values, and welcomes the many languages and dialects spoken by its students, employees, and volunteers. All students, employees and volunteers should feel safe, healthy, engaged, and supported by the district.

The district is committed to a nondiscriminatory approach and equitable outcomes for all. We acknowledge the historical role educational institutions have played in creating and implementing policies and practices that result in predictably lower academic and graduation outcomes and disproportionate disciplinary action for students of color. We recognize these disparities contradict our beliefs and values about what students can achieve, and we affirm the important role of adults in ensuring conditions for success. We are committed to removing barriers, and to ensuring students access, opportunity, and inclusion throughout our system.

The district will work to eliminate inequitable practices aggressively and efficiently within our system. We will allocate resources to provide equitable education and environments to all children and families regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education, or physical, sensory, or mental ability.

The board commits to:

- Provide system-wide direction, support, oversight, and shared accountability to advance equity and eliminate inequities in Everett Public Schools.
- Affirm, inspire, and serve each student in our diverse population, especially students who have been marginalized through race or other means, and students who face significant barriers.
- Create opportunities and remove barriers to identify and nurture strengths in each student and to ensure our community can in turn be strengthened by each student.
- Provide ongoing board development and learning opportunities about inequities and biases that impact students, staff, and families in our community, and about effective strategies for addressing them.
- Address inequities and biases that create feelings of fear, lack of belonging, and academic, social, and emotional barriers for students, all of which can contribute to reduced academic participation and performance.
- Ensure our policies directly address racism and occurrences of racial tension in ways that both provide positive guidelines and expectations, and that direct development of robust reporting and investigation processes.

This policy establishes that our district shall:

- See diversity, inclusion, and equity as connected to its mission and critical to promoting the well-being of the staff, students, and communities it serves.
- Dismantle any inequities within its policies, systems, programs, and services, and to consistently update and report on organizational progress.
- Adopt curriculum, and teaching and learning strategies, that leverage, reflect, and affirm the unique experiences and social, racial, cultural, linguistic, and familial backgrounds of the Everett Public Schools community.
- Ensure disciplinary actions are undertaken without bias and/or disproportionality.
- Implement hiring processes that proactively support the district's commitment to hiring, recruitment, and retention of highly qualified staff of color and that promote and honor other aspects of a diverse workforce.
- Provide professional development to staff and students in anti-racist practices, equitable practices, culturally responsive teaching practices, eliminating microaggressions, and bias awareness.
- Expect all employees to embrace equity, inclusion, and belonging, and to express these in values in workplace interactions and everyday practices.
- Develop reporting, investigation, communication, and accountability processes, particularly related to actions of racism and occurrences of racial tension or other discriminatory actions.
- Model diversity, inclusion, and belonging for all students and employees to foster an inclusive environment to achieve equitable outcomes.

- Practice and encourage transparent communication in all interactions.
- Commit time and resources to expanding more diverse leadership within our leadership, staff, and advisory bodies.
- Build a sense of community and belonging among staff to increase retention.
- Create an environment where all families have a sense of belonging and inclusion.
- Review this policy on an annual basis to ensure the commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging remains at the forefront of our work.

This work is guided by the Everett Public Schools’ core values that were created in partnership with our community, and are steeped in steadfast commitment to each student’s success:

- **Passion:** We are passionate about teaching and learning.
- **Respect:** We value differences among people and treat one another with respect.
- **Integrity:** We act in good faith, serving others with honesty and dignity. We serve as stewards of the public trust.
- **Diversity:** We embrace diversity as an essential asset; we are inclusive and treat our differences as a core strength.
- **Equity:** We honor and support each student’s right to learn and achieve.
- **Learning:** We believe each student can learn and achieve to high standards.
- **Collaboration:** We believe in learning and working together, the value of diverse views, and the power of collective wisdom.

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs and Activities and Title IX

Policy 2152

Everett Public Schools shall not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs or activities. The district is required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and by regulations promulgated thereunder not to discriminate on the basis of sex against students, student activities, applicants or employees.

Consistent with the requirements of Title IX, Everett Public Schools is committed to provide opportunities in interscholastic athletics for female and male students in the district, which equally and effectively accommodate the athletic interests and abilities of members of both sexes. The district will develop procedures to determine if it is meeting the requirements of Title IX and how the addition of an interscholastic sport may be requested and processed.

Any person having an inquiry concerning Everett Public Schools’ implementation of the state and federal statutes and regulations should contact the district’s Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer or the district administrator in charge of student athletics.

The superintendent is authorized to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy.

Procedure

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Consistent with the requirements of Title IX, Everett Public Schools is committed to provide opportunities in interscholastic athletics for female and male students in the district, which equally and effectively accommodate the athletic interests and abilities of members of both sexes. These procedures were developed to assist Everett Public Schools in meeting the requirements of Title IX.

Title IX Program/Activity Evaluation

To provide equal educational opportunity in its programs, including athletic programs, the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer, in cooperation with the district’s administrator for athletics, shall be responsible for providing ongoing monitoring to assure that the district’s athletic program effectively accommodates the athletic interests and abilities of both sexes. The Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer shall annually report to the superintendent regarding participation opportunities for students and will recommend any changes needed for program compliance.

Determination of Effective Accommodation

The district will provide participation opportunities in interscholastic athletics for female and male students, which equally and effectively accommodate the athletic interests and abilities of members of both sexes. In determining the district's compliance with the requirements of Title IX, the following three-prong test will be utilized in determining accommodation:

1. Provide interscholastic participation opportunities for male and female students in numbers substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments; or
2. Show a history and continuing practice of program expansion, which is demonstrably responsive to the developing interests, and abilities of both sexes; or
3. Demonstrate that the program has fully and effectively accommodated the interests and abilities of both sexes.

Student Interest Survey

The district will conduct a formal written survey of every student in all grades that offer interscholastic activities regarding their interests and abilities. The student interest survey will be conducted every three years and will include:

1. At a minimum, all interscholastic sports currently offered by the district and those sponsored by the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) by sport season; and
2. A space for the student to indicate interest in additional sports not currently offered by the district and/or not currently sponsored by the WIAA by sport season.

The results of the survey and information from other sources will help determine if program additions, modifications or changes are needed to the existing program to assist the district in program compliance.

Student Requests for Modifications of Existing Programs or Additional Sports

Students may make a formal request for modifying an existing program or adding a new sport. Request forms are available at the district athletic office and will be turned in to the district's administrator for athletics for processing. The administrator will work with the appropriate building principal to determine if the request can be approved. The athletic administrator will respond back in writing to the requesting party within 20 days of receipt. If the request is not approved, the submitting party may request that it be forwarded to the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer for consideration during the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer's annual report to the superintendent. The Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer will review each request and respond back to the submitting party in writing within 20 days of receipt. If the request is subject to further review, the district's response shall provide a date of final response.

Annual Building Program Review

Each building will participate in an annual building program review and submit it to the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer for processing. The content and format of this review will be established by the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. The results will be used in the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer's annual report to the superintendent.

Record Retention

All information gathered and requested by the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer and presented in the yearly report to the superintendent will be retained for five years. This would include student interest surveys, building program reviews and requests for modification of existing programs or adding of additional sports.

Information and Inquiry

Information about [Board Policy 2152](#) and this procedure will be published initially and as needed in the [Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#).

Any person having an inquiry concerning Everett Public Schools implementation of the state and federal statutes and regulations should contact the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer or the district administrator in charge of student athletics.

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying of Students

Policy 3204

The board is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and community members that is free from harassment, intimidation, or 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.

As defined in legislation, "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act including but not limited to, one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in [RCW 28A.640.010](#) and [RCW 28A.642.010](#), or other distinguishing characteristics, when the act:

- A. Physically harms a student or damages the student's property;
- B. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education;
- C. Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
- D. Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Nothing in this section requires the affected student to actually possess a characteristic that is a basis for the harassment, intimidation or bullying.

"Other distinguishing characteristics" can include but are not limited to physical appearance, clothing or other apparel, socioeconomic status and weight.

"Intentional acts" refers to the individual's choice to engage in the act rather than the ultimate impact of the action(s).

Behaviors/Expressions

This policy recognizes that 'harassment,' 'intimidation,' and 'bullying' are separate but related behaviors. Each must be addressed appropriately. The accompanying procedure differentiates the three behaviors; however, this differentiation should not be considered part of the legal definition of these behaviors

HIB can take many forms, including but not limited to, slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendoes, demeaning comments, drawings, cartoons, pranks, gestures, physical attacks, threats or other written, oral, physical 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 remediate the impact on the targeted student(s) and upon others impacted by the violation, to change the behavior of the aggressor, and to restore a positive school climate.

The district will consider the frequency of incidents, developmental age of the student, and severity of the conduct in determining intervention strategies. Interventions will range from counseling, correcting behavior and discipline, to law enforcement referrals.

Students with Individual Education Plans or Section 504 Plans

If allegations are proven 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 should 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 additional services and supports as deemed necessary, 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/ False Allegations

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.

It is also a violation of district policy to knowingly report false allegations of HIB. 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 HIB compliance officer as the primary district contact to receive copies of all informal complaints ([HIB Incident Report Forms](#)) and to ensure policy implementation. The name and contact information for the HIB compliance officer will be communicated throughout the district. The district HIB compliance officer will participate in at least one (1) mandatory training opportunity offered by OSPI.

The superintendent is authorized to direct the implementation of procedures addressing the elements of this policy.

Procedure

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A. Introduction

Everett Public Schools strives to provide students with optimal conditions for learning by maintaining a school environment where everyone is treated with respect and no one is physically or emotionally harmed.

In order to ensure respect and prevent harm, it is a violation of district policy for a student to be harassed, intimidated, or bullied by others in the school community, at school sponsored events, or when such actions create a substantial disruption to the educational process. The school community includes all students, school employees, school board members, contractors, unpaid volunteers, families, patrons, and other visitors. Student(s) will not be harassed because of their race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics.

Any school staff who observes, overhears, or otherwise witnesses harassment, intimidation, or bullying or to whom such actions have been reported must take prompt and appropriate action to stop the harassment, intimidation, or bullying and to prevent its reoccurrence.

B. Definitions

"Aggressor" means a student, staff member, volunteer, or other member of the school community who engages in the harassment, intimidation, or bullying of a student.

"Harassment, intimidation, or bullying" (HIB) means any intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that:

1. Physically harms a student or damages the student's property;
2. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education;
3. Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
4. Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Conduct that is "substantially interfering with a student's education" will be determined by considering a targeted student's grades, attendance, demeanor, interaction with peers, participation in activities, and other indicators.

Conduct that may rise to the level of HIB may take many forms, including, but not limited to: slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendoes, demeaning comments, drawings, cartoons, pranks, ostracism, physical attacks or threats, gestures, or acts relating to an individual or group whether electronic, written, oral, or physically transmitted messages or images. There is no requirement that the targeted student actually possess the characteristic that is the basis for the HIB.

“**Retaliation**” occurs when an individual is intimidated, threatened, coerced, or discriminated against for reporting harassment, intimidation, or bullying, or participating in an investigation.

“**Staff**” includes, but is not limited to, educators, administrators, counselors, school nurses, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, athletic coaches, advisors to extracurricular activities, classified staff, substitute and temporary teachers, volunteers, or paraprofessionals (both employees and contractors).

“**Targeted student**” means a student against whom HIB has allegedly been perpetrated.

C. Behaviors/Expressions

“Harassment,” “intimidation,” and “bullying” are separate but related behaviors. Each must be addressed appropriately. Although this procedure differentiates the three behaviors, this differentiation should not be considered part of the legal definition of these behaviors. Harassment refers to any malicious act, which causes harm to any person's physical wellbeing. It can be discriminatory harassment, malicious harassment, or sexual harassment. Intimidation refers to implied or overt threats of physical violence. Bullying refers to unwanted aggressive behavior(s) by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. Bullying may inflict harm on the targeted youth including physical or educational harm. Bullying can also occur through technology and is called electronic bullying or cyberbullying.

D. Relationship to Other Laws

This procedure applies only to [RCW 28A.600.477](#) Prohibition of harassment, intimidation and bullying. There are other laws and procedures to address related issues such as sexual harassment or discrimination.

At least four Washington laws may apply to harassment or discrimination:

1. [RCW 28A.600.477](#) – Prohibition of harassment, intimidation and bullying
2. [RCW 28A.640.020](#) – Regulations, guidelines to eliminate discrimination—Scope—Sexual harassment policies
3. [Chapter 28A.642 RCW](#) – Discrimination prohibition
4. [RCW 49.60.010](#) – Purpose of chapter; the “law against discrimination”

The district will ensure its compliance with all state laws regarding HIB. Nothing in this procedure prevents a student, parent/guardian, school or district from taking action to remediate harassment or discrimination based on a person's membership in a legally protected class under local, state, or federal law.

E. Prevention

1. Dissemination

In each school and on the [district's website](#) the district will prominently post information on reporting HIB; the name and contact information for making a report to a school administrator; and the name and contact information for the district HIB compliance officer. The district's policy and procedure will be available in each school in a language that families can understand.

Annually, the superintendent will ensure that a statement summarizing the policy and procedure is provided in student, staff, volunteer and parent handbooks, is available in school and district offices and/or hallways or is posted on the [district's website](#).

Additional distribution of the policy and procedure is subject to the requirements of [Chapter 392-405 WAC](#).

2. Education

Annually students will receive age-appropriate information on the recognition and prevention of HIB at student orientation sessions and on other appropriate occasions. The information will include a copy of the [Incident Reporting Form](#) or a link to a [web-based process](#).

3. Training

The district HIB compliance officer will participate in at least one (1) mandatory training opportunity offered by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). Staff will receive annual training on the district's policy and procedure, including, at a minimum, staff roles and responsibilities, how to monitor common areas and the use of the district's [Incident Reporting Form](#).

4. Prevention Strategies

The district will implement a range of strategies including individual, classroom, school, and district-level approaches.

Whenever possible, the district will implement evidence-based prevention programs that are designed to increase social competency, improve school climate, and eliminate HIB in schools.

F. Compliance Officer

The district HIB compliance officer will:

1. Serve as the district's primary contact for HIB. If the allegations in a written report of HIB indicate a potential violation of [Policy 3204](#), the district staff member who receives the report must promptly notify the district HIB compliance officer.
2. Provide support and assistance to the principal or designee in resolving complaints.
3. Receive copies of all Incident Reporting Forms, discipline referral forms relating to HIB, and letters to parents/guardians providing the outcomes of investigations.
4. Communicate with the district's designated Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. If a written report of HIB indicates a potential violation of the district's nondiscrimination policy ([Policy 3210](#)), or if during the course of an investigation of HIB, the district becomes aware of a potential violation of the district's nondiscrimination policy, the HIB compliance officer must promptly notify the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. At that time, the compliance officers must promptly notify the complainant that their complaint will proceed under both [Policy 3204](#) and this procedure, and [Policy 3210](#) and [Procedure 3210P](#). The investigation and response timeline for the nondiscrimination procedure begin when the district knows or should have known that a written report or investigation of HIB involves a potential violation of the district's nondiscrimination policy.
5. Be familiar with the use of the student information system. The HIB compliance officer may use this information to identify patterns of behavior and areas of concern.
6. Ensure the implementation of the policy and procedure by overseeing the investigative processes, including ensuring that investigations are prompt, impartial, and thorough.
7. Assess the training needs of staff and students to ensure successful implementation throughout the district, and ensure staff receive annual fall training.
8. Provide the OSPI School Safety Center with notification of policy or procedure updates or changes on an annual basis.
9. In cases where, despite school efforts, a targeted student experiences HIB that threatens the student's health and safety, the HIB compliance officer will facilitate a meeting between district staff and the child's parents/guardians to develop a safety plan to protect the student. A sample student safety plan is available on the OSPI website: www.k12.wa.us/SafetyCenter/default.aspx.

The district Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying Compliance Officer is:

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G. Staff Intervention

All staff members will intervene when witnessing or receiving reports of HIB. Minor incidents that staff are able to resolve immediately, or incidents that do not meet the definition of HIB, may require no further action under this procedure, other than tracking, to ensure they are not repeated.

H. Filing an Incident Reporting Form

Incident Reporting Forms may be used by students, families, or staff to report incidents of HIB. A sample form is provided on OSPI's School Safety Center website:

<https://www.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/safetycenter/bullyingharassment/pubdocs/samplehibincidentreporting.pdf>.

Any student or students who believe they have been the target of unresolved, severe, or persistent HIB, or any other person in the school community who observes or receives notice that a student has or may have been the target of unresolved, severe, or persistent HIB may report incidents verbally or in writing to any staff member.

I. Addressing Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying – Reports

Step 1: Filing an Incident Reporting Form

In order to protect a targeted student from retaliation, a student need not reveal their identity on an Incident Reporting Form. The form may be filed anonymously, confidentially, or the student may choose to disclose their identity (non-confidential).

Status of Reporter

1. Anonymous

Individuals may file a report without revealing their identity. No disciplinary action will be taken against an alleged aggressor based solely on an anonymous report. Schools may identify complaint boxes, use online reporting processes, or develop other methods for receiving anonymous, unsigned reports. Possible responses to an anonymous report include increased monitoring of students or staff. (Example: An unsigned Incident Reporting Form dropped on a teacher's desk led to the increased monitoring of the boys' locker room in fifth period.)

2. Confidential

Individuals may ask that their identities be kept secret from the accused and other students. Like anonymous reports, no disciplinary action will be taken against an alleged aggressor based solely on a confidential report. (Example: A student tells a playground supervisor about a classmate being bullied near the basketball court but asks that nobody know who reported the incident. The supervisor says, "I can start monitoring the basketball court more closely and keep an eye out for your classmate and any problems that might crop up, but I can't take any disciplinary action against the bully(ies) unless you or someone else who saw it is willing to let me use their names.")

3. Non-Confidential

Individuals may agree to file a report non-confidentially. Complainants agreeing to make their complaint non-confidential will be informed that due process requirements may require that the district release all of the information that it has regarding the complaint to any individuals involved in the incident, but that even then, information will still be restricted to those with a need to know, both during and after the investigation.

The district will, however, fully implement the anti-retaliation provision in [Policy 3204](#) and this procedure to protect complainants and witnesses.

Step 2: Receiving an Incident Report Form

All staff members are responsible for receiving oral and written reports. Whenever possible, staff members who initially receive an oral or written report of HIB shall attempt to resolve the incident immediately. If the incident is resolved to the satisfaction of the parties involved, or if the incident does not meet the definition of HIB, no further action may be necessary under this procedure.

All reports of unresolved, severe, or persistent HIB will be recorded on a district [Incident Reporting Form](#) and submitted to the principal or designee, unless the principal or designee is the subject of the complaint.

Step 3: Investigations of Unresolved, Severe, or Persistent HIB

All reports of unresolved, severe, or persistent HIB will be investigated with reasonable promptness. Any student may have a trusted adult (e.g., parent/guardian, relative, mentor, staff member) with them throughout the report and investigation process.

- a. Upon receipt of the [Incident Reporting Form](#) that alleges unresolved, severe, or persistent HIB, the school or district designee will begin an investigation. If there is potential for clear and immediate physical harm to the complainant, the district will immediately contact law enforcement and inform the parent/guardian.
- b. During the course of the investigation, the district will take reasonable measures to ensure that no further incidents of HIB occur between the complainant and the alleged aggressor. If necessary, the district will implement a safety plan (<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/health-safety/school-safety-center/comprehensive-safety-planning-toolkit>) for the student(s) involved. The plan may include changing seating arrangements for the complainant and/or the alleged aggressor in the classroom, at lunch, or on the bus; identifying a staff member who will act as a safe person for the complainant; altering the alleged aggressor's schedule and access to the complainant, and other measures.

If, during the course of an investigation, the district employee conducting the investigation becomes aware of a potential violation of [Policy 3210](#), Nondiscrimination, the investigator will promptly notify the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. Upon receipt of this information, the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer must notify the complainant that their complaint will proceed under the discrimination complaint procedure in [WAC 392-190-065](#) through [WAC 392-190-075](#), as well as the HIB complaint procedure. The notice must be provided in a language that the complainant can understand.

The investigation and response timeline for the discrimination complaint procedure will follow that set forth in [WAC 392-190-065](#) and begins when the district knows or should have known that a written report of HIB involves allegations of a violation of the district's nondiscrimination policy.

- c. Within two (2) school days after receiving the [Incident Reporting Form](#), the school designee will notify the families of the students involved that a complaint was received and direct the families to the district's policy and procedure on HIB.
- d. In rare cases, where after consultation with the student and appropriate staff (such as a psychologist, counselor, or social worker) the district has evidence that it would threaten the health and safety of the complainant or the alleged aggressor to involve their parent/guardian, the district may initially refrain from contacting the parent/guardian in its investigation of HIB. If professional school personnel suspect that a student is subject to abuse or neglect, they must follow district [Policy 3421](#) for reporting such cases to Child Protective Services or law enforcement.
- e. The investigation shall include, at a minimum:
 - An interview with the complainant;
 - An interview with the alleged aggressor;
 - A review of any previous complaints involving either the complainant or the alleged aggressor; and
 - Interviews with other students or staff members who may have knowledge of the alleged incident.
- f. The principal or designee may determine that other steps must be taken before the investigation is complete.
- g. The investigation will be completed as soon as practicable but generally no later than five (5) school days from the initial complaint or report. If more time is needed to complete an investigation, the district will provide the parent/guardian and/or the student with weekly updates.
- h. No later than two (2) school days after the investigation has been completed and submitted to the HIB compliance officer, the principal or designee shall respond in writing or in person to the parent/guardian of the complainant and the alleged aggressor stating:
 - The results of the investigation;
 - Whether the allegations were found to be factual;
 - Whether there was a violation of policy; and
 - The process for the complainant to file an appeal if the complainant disagrees with results.

Because of the laws regarding the confidentiality of student records (FERPA), the principal or designee may not be able to report specific information to the targeted student's parent/guardian about any disciplinary action taken unless it involves a directive that the targeted student must be aware of in order to report violations.

If the district chooses to contact the parent/guardian by letter, the letter will be mailed to the parent/guardian of the complainant and alleged aggressor by United States Postal Service with return receipt requested unless it is determined, after consultation with the student and appropriate staff (psychologist, counselor, social worker) that it could endanger the complainant or the alleged aggressor to involve their family.

If professional school personnel suspect that a student is subject to abuse or neglect, as mandatory reporters they must follow district policy for reporting suspected cases to Child Protective Services or law enforcement.

If the incident cannot be resolved at the school level, the principal or designee shall request assistance from the district HIB compliance officer.

Step 4: Corrective Measures for the Aggressor

After completion of the investigation, the school or district designee will institute any corrective measures necessary.

Corrective measures will be instituted as soon as possible, but in no event more than five (5) school days after contact has been made with the families or guardians regarding the outcome of the investigation.

Corrective measures that involve student discipline will be implemented according to district [Policy 3300](#) – Student Discipline. If the accused aggressor is appealing the imposition of discipline, the district may be prevented by due process considerations or lawful order from imposing the discipline until the appeal process is concluded.

If in an investigation a principal or principal’s designee found that a student knowingly made a false allegation of HIB, that individual may be subject to corrective measures, including discipline.

Step 5: Targeted Student’s Right to Appeal

- a. If the complainant or parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the results of the investigation, they may appeal to the superintendent or designee by filing a written notice of appeal within five (5) school days of receiving the decision. The superintendent or designee will review the investigative report and issue a written decision on the merits of the appeal within five (5) school days of receiving the notice of appeal.
- b. If the targeted student remains dissatisfied after the initial appeal to the superintendent, the student may appeal to the school board by filing a written notice of appeal with the superintendent on or before the fifth (5th) school day following the date upon which the complainant received the superintendent’s written decision.
- c. An appeal to the school board or discipline appeal council must be heard on or before the tenth (10th) school day following the filing of the written notice of appeal to the school board. The school board or discipline appeal council will review the record and render a written decision on the merits of the appeal on or before the fifth (5th) school day following the termination of the hearing, and shall provide a copy of the decision to all parties involved. The board or council’s decision will be the final district decision.

Step 6: Discipline/Corrective Actions

The district will take prompt and equitable corrective measures within its authority on findings of HIB. Depending on the severity of the conduct, corrective measures may include counseling, education, discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement.

Corrective measures for the student who commits an act of HIB will be varied and graded according to the nature of the behavior, the developmental age of the student, or the student’s history of problem behaviors and performance. Corrective measures that involve student discipline will be implemented according to district [Policy 3300](#) – Student Discipline.

If the conduct was of a public nature or involved groups of students or bystanders, the school may consider schoolwide training or other activities to address the incident.

If staff have been found to be in violation of [Policy 3204](#) and this procedure, the district may impose employment disciplinary action, up to and including termination. If a certificated educator is found to have committed a violation of [Chapter 181-87 WAC](#), commonly called the Code of Conduct for Professional Educators, OSPI’s Office of Professional Practices may impose disciplinary action on a certificate, up to and including revocation. Contractor violations of [Policy 3204](#) may include the loss of contracts.

Step 7: Support for the Targeted Student

Persons found to have been subjected to HIB will have appropriate district support services made available to them, and the adverse impact of the harassment on the student shall be addressed and remedied as appropriate.

J. Immunity/Retaliation

No school employee, student, or volunteer may engage in reprisal or retaliation against a targeted student, witness, or other person who brings forward information about an alleged act of HIB. Retaliation is prohibited and will result in appropriate discipline.

K. Other Resources

Students and families should use the district’s complaint and appeal procedures as a first response to allegations of HIB. However, nothing in this procedure prevents a student, parent/guardian, school, or district from taking action to remediate discrimination or harassment based on a student’s membership in a legally protected class under local, state or federal law. A HIB complaint may also be reported to the following state or federal agencies:

- OSPI Equity and Civil Rights Office (for discrimination complaints) 360-725-6162
Email: equity@k12.wa.us
<https://www.k12.wa.us/policy-funding/equity-and-civil-rights>
- Washington State Human Rights Commission 800-233-3247
<http://www.hum.wa.gov/>

- Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Region IX 206-607-1600
Email: OCR.Seattle@ed.gov www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html
- Department of Justice Community Relations Service 877-292-3804
www.justice.gov/crt/
- Office of the Education Ombudsman
866-297-2597
Email: OEInfo@gov.wa.gov
<http://oeo.wa.gov/>
- OSPI Safety Center
360-725-6044
<https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/health-safety/school-safety-center>

L. Other District Policies and Procedures

Nothing in [Policy 3204](#) or this procedure is intended to prohibit discipline or remedial action for inappropriate behaviors that do not rise to the level of HIB as defined herein, but which are prohibited by other district or school rules.

Sexual Harassment of Students

Policy 3205

It is the policy of Everett School District to maintain a learning environment for students that is free from all forms of discrimination, including sexual harassment. This commitment extends to all students involved in academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic, and other programs or activities of the school, whether that program or activity is in a school facility, on school transportation or at a class or school training held elsewhere.

For the purposes of this policy, **sexual harassment** is defined by state and federal laws as any unwelcome sexual advance, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical contact, or verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature that:

- Conditions the provision of an aid, benefit or service of the district, either explicitly or implicitly, on the student's participation in such conduct (quid pro quo harassment); and/or
- A reasonable person would find so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a student equal access to an education program or activity; and/or
- Has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; and/or
- Constitutes sexual assault as defined in the Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(v)), dating violence as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10), domestic violence as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or stalking as defined in the Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA"), 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30).

Sexual harassment can occur adult to student, student to adult, student to student or can be carried out by a group of students or adults and will be investigated by the district even if the alleged harasser is not a part of the school staff or student body. The district prohibits sexual harassment of students by other students, employees, or third parties involved in district activities.

Under federal and state law, the term sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- acts of sexual violence;
- unwelcome sexual or gender-directed conduct or communication that interferes with an individual's educational performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment;
- unwelcome sexual advances;
- unwelcome requests for sexual favors;
- sexual demands when submission is a stated or implied condition of obtaining an educational benefit;
- sexual demands where submission or rejection is a factor in an academic, or other school-related decision affecting an individual.

A **hostile environment** has been created for a student when sexual harassment is sufficiently serious to interfere with or limit the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the school's program. The more severe the conduct, the less need there is to demonstrate a repetitive series of incidents. In fact, a single or isolated incident of sexual harassment may create a hostile environment if the incident is sufficiently severe, violent, or egregious.

Investigation and Response

If the district knows, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that sexual harassment has occurred, it will promptly investigate to determine what occurred and take appropriate steps to resolve the situation. If an investigation reveals that sexual harassment has created a hostile environment, the district will take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the sexual harassment, eliminate the hostile environment, prevent its recurrence and as appropriate, remedy its effects. The district will take prompt, equitable and remedial action within its authority on reports, complaints and grievances alleging sexual harassment that come to the attention of the district, either formally or informally. The district will take these steps every time a complaint, alleging sexual harassment comes to the attention of the district, either formally or informally.

Allegations of criminal misconduct will be reported to law enforcement and suspected child abuse will be reported to law enforcement or Child Protective Services. Regardless of whether the misconduct is reported to law enforcement, school staff will promptly investigate to determine what occurred and take appropriate steps to resolve the situation, to the extent that such investigation does not interfere with an ongoing criminal investigation. A criminal investigation does not relieve the district of its independent obligation to investigate and resolve sexual harassment.

Engaging in sexual harassment will result in appropriate discipline or other appropriate sanctions against offending students, staff or other third parties involved in district activities. Anyone else who engages in sexual harassment on school property or at school activities will have their access to school property and activities restricted, as appropriate.

Retaliation and False Allegations

Retaliation against any person who makes or is a witness in a sexual harassment complaint is prohibited and will result in appropriate discipline. The district will take appropriate actions to protect involved persons from retaliation.

Knowingly reporting false allegations of sexual harassment 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.

Staff Responsibilities

The superintendent or designee will develop and implement formal and informal procedures for receiving, investigating and resolving complaints or reports of sexual harassment. The procedures will include reasonable and prompt time lines and delineate staff responsibilities under this policy.

Any school employee who witnesses sexual harassment or receives a report, informal complaint, or written complaint about sexual harassment is responsible for informing the district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. All staff are also responsible for directing complainants to the formal complaint process.

Reports of discrimination and discriminatory harassment will be referred to the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. Reports of disability discrimination or harassment will be referred to the district's Section 504 Coordinator.

District/school staff, including employees, contractors, and agents shall not provide a recommendation of employment for an employee, contractor, or agent that the district/school, or the individual acting on behalf of the district/school, knows or has probable cause to believe, has engaged in sexual misconduct with a student or minor in violation of the law.

Notice and Training

The superintendent or designee will develop procedures to provide age-appropriate information and education to district staff, students, parents and volunteers regarding this policy and the recognition and prevention of sexual harassment. At a minimum sexual harassment recognition and prevention and the elements of this policy will be included in staff, student, and regular volunteer orientation. This policy and [Procedure 3205P](#), which includes the complaint process, will be posted in each district building in a place available to staff, students, parents, volunteers, and visitors. Information about the policy and procedure will be clearly stated and conspicuously posted throughout each school building, provided to each employee and reproduced in each student, staff, volunteer, and parent handbook. Such notices will identify the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer and provide contact information, including the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer's email address.

Policy Review

The superintendent or designee will make an annual report to the board reviewing the use and efficacy of this policy and [Procedure 3205P](#). Recommendations for changes to this policy, if applicable, will be included in the report. The superintendent or designee is encouraged to involve staff, students, volunteers, and parents in the review process.

Procedure

3205P

This procedure is intended to set forth the requirements of [Policy 3205](#), including the process for a prompt, thorough, and equitable investigation of allegations of sexual harassment and the need to take appropriate steps to resolve such situations. If sexual harassment is found to have created a hostile environment, staff must take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end harassment, eliminate the hostile environment, prevent its reoccurrence, and as appropriate, remedy its effects.

This procedure applies to sexual harassment (including sexual violence) as defined in [Policy 3205](#) and targeted at students carried out by other students, employees or third parties involved in district activities. Because students can experience the continuing effects of off-campus harassment in the educational setting, the district will consider the effects of off-campus conduct when evaluating whether there is a hostile environment on campus. The district has jurisdiction over these complaints pursuant to Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, [Chapter 28A.640, RCW](#) and [Chapter 392- 190 WAC](#).

Notice

Reasonable efforts shall be made to inform all students and their parents of the district's sexual harassment policy and procedure. Information about the district's sexual harassment policy and procedure will be reproduced in the [Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#), in each schools' student/parent handbook, staff handbook, and volunteer handbook, posting the policy and procedure in each school building, and discussion of the policy and procedure at each school.

The name and telephone numbers of the building Title IX Coordinator, as well as the district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer, and assistant superintendent of human resources shall be posted in such locations in buildings as to be commonly and easily viewed by students and staff.

Staff Responsibilities

When any staff member becomes aware of an incident of sexual harassment, they must immediately inform their building principal, the building Title IX Coordinator or the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer of such incident. The school principal or building Title IX Coordinator will immediately inform: 1) the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer so that the district can appropriately respond to the incident consistent with its own grievance procedures; and, if necessary, 2) law enforcement.

In the event of an alleged sexual assault, the principal will notify the targeted student(s) and their parents/guardians of their rights under the district's sexual harassment policy and procedure and the right to file a criminal complaint and a sexual harassment complaint simultaneously.

Confidentiality

If a complainant requests their name not be revealed to the alleged aggressor or asks that the district not investigate or seek action against the alleged aggressor, the request will be forwarded to the district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer for evaluation. Regardless of whether a formal complaint is filed, the district must take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end harassment, eliminate the hostile environment, prevent its reoccurrence, and as appropriate, remedy its effects.

The district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer should inform the complainant that honoring the request may limit its ability to respond fully to the incident, including pursuing disciplinary action against the alleged aggressor.

If the complainant still requests their name not be disclosed to the alleged aggressor or that the district not investigate or seek action against the alleged aggressor, the district will need to determine whether or not it can honor such a request while still providing a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all students, staff and other third parties engaging in district activities, including the person who reported the sexual harassment. Although a complainant's request to have their name withheld may limit the district's ability to respond fully to an individual allegation of sexual harassment, the district will use other appropriate means available to address the sexual harassment.

Informal Complaint Process

Anyone may use informal procedures to report and resolve complaints of sexual harassment. Informal complaints of sexual harassment of students shall be reported to the building principal or designee. The building principal or designee will be responsible for investigation and resolution of informal complaints. The building principal or designee may seek assistance or guidance from the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. The building principal or designee must provide the complainant with a copy of the district's [Policy 3205](#) and [Procedure 3205P](#), and notify the complainant of the right to file a formal complaint under that policy and procedure. The notice shall be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

During the course of the informal complaint process, the district will take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end any harassment and to correct any discriminatory effects on the complainant. If an investigation is needed to determine what occurred, the district will take interim measures to protect the complainant before the final outcome of the district's investigation (e.g., allowing the complainant to change academic or extracurricular activities or break times to avoid contact with the alleged aggressor). Informal remedies may include, but is not limited to:

- An opportunity for the complainant to explain to the alleged harasser that the conduct is unwelcome, offensive or inappropriate, either in writing or face-to-face;
- A statement from a staff member to the alleged harasser that the alleged conduct is not appropriate and could lead to discipline if proven or repeated;
- A general public statement from an administrator in a building reviewing the district sexual harassment policy without identifying the complainant;
- Developing a safety plan;
- Separating students; or
- Providing staff and/or student training.

Informal complaints may become formal complaints at the request of the complainant, parent/guardian, or because the district believes the complaint needs to be more thoroughly investigated.

The district will inform the complainant and their parent/guardian how to report any subsequent problems. Additionally, the district will conduct follow-up inquiries to see if there have been any new incidents or instances of retaliation, and to promptly respond and appropriately address continuing or new problems. Follow-up inquiries will follow a timeline agreed to by the district and complainant.

Formal Complaint Process

- A. The district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer, assistant superintendent of human resources or designee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the district's compliance with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) and related procedures and ensuring that all complaints communicated to the district are promptly investigated and resolved.

The Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer ("Compliance Officer") is: Chad Golden
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The compliance officer or designee will receive and investigate formal complaints that involve only students. The assistant superintendent of human resources or designee will receive and investigate formal complaints when allegations of sexual harassment are brought against employees or other adults. School or district administrators who receive a formal complaint of sexual harassment will promptly notify the compliance officer or assistant superintendent of human resources and forward a copy of the complaint.

- B. The allegations of sexual harassment shall:
1. be written;
 2. be signed by the complainant or the complainant's parent/guardian;
 3. describe the specific acts, conditions, or circumstances alleged to violate the district's policies or obligations with regard to discrimination;
 4. clearly indicate a desire for the district to investigate the allegations; and
 5. be filed with the compliance officer or assistant superintendent of human resources within one (1) year after the occurrence that is the subject of the complaint, unless the delay is due to specific misrepresentations by the district that it had resolved the problem forming the basis of the complaint or the district withheld information that was required to be provided under [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines.
- C. Upon receipt of the complaint, the district's compliance officer, the assistant superintendent of human resources, or designee will provide the complainant a copy of [Policy 3205](#), [Procedure 3205P](#) and [Procedure 3210P](#) in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. The district will promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint.
- D. Before initiating the investigation, the district shall provide written notice of the allegations to both the complainant and the alleged aggressor prior to any discussions or interviews, and provide sufficient details known at the time and sufficient time to prepare a response. Specifically, the written notice must include:
- citations to the complaint process set forth in the district's [Policy 3205](#) and [Procedure 3205P](#);
 - allegations with sufficient details (identity of parties, conduct alleged to constitute sexual harassment, date, location, implicated policies, etc.);
 - a statement indicating the responding party is "presumed not responsible" until a determination is made;
 - notice to the right of an advisor of their choice, who may be an attorney;
 - notice that the parties may request to inspect and review relevant evidence; and
 - a reminder of the district's policy not to make false statements or intentionally submit false information.

If additional allegations are subsequently added to the investigation, the district shall provide written notice to all parties of the new allegations.

The investigation process shall:

- treat all parties to the complaint equitably, including providing supportive measures to all parties, if necessary;
 - be conducted by investigator who is free of bias against any of the parties, and who is trained on the definition of sexual harassment and how to conduct a sexual harassment investigation; and
 - utilize the preponderance of the evidence standard to determine whether the conduct violated the definition of sexual harassment as provided in [Policy 3205](#) and whether the conduct occurred in the district's education program or activity.
- E. Simultaneously, the district shall determine whether supportive measures are necessary. "Supportive Measures" are defined as non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services, offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent(s). Such measures may include, but are not limited to:
- counseling;
 - extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments;
 - modifications of work or class schedules;
 - restrictions on contact between the parties;
 - increased security and monitoring of certain areas of district grounds; and/or
 - emergency removal of the respondent(s).

Prior to emergency removal, the district must perform an individualized risk analysis, determine whether there is an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or staff that justifies removal, and provides the respondent(s) with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following removal. The emergency removal analysis shall focus on the specific facts and individuals involved in the situation and shall provide evidence that there is an immediate threat to the safety of students or staff. Any emergency removal of a student under this section must also comply with Washington's student discipline rules for emergency removal under [WAC 392-400-510](#) through [WAC 392-400-530](#).

- F. Following completion of the investigation, the compliance officer or the assistant superintendent of human resources shall provide the superintendent or designee with a full written report of the complaint and the results of the investigation, including an objective evaluation of all evidence (both inculpatory and exculpatory), unless the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant without an investigation or prior to the submission of a written report. This report must also be provided to all parties and their representatives, if any, at least ten (10) days before a final decision is made.
- G. After review of the investigative report, the superintendent or designee shall utilize the preponderance of the evidence standard to determine whether the conduct violated the definition of sexual harassment as provided in [Policy 3205](#), whether the conduct occurred in the district's education program or activity, and whether the district complied with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) and/or related guidelines.
- H. The superintendent or designee shall respond in writing to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days after the district received the written complaint by the district, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties or if exceptional circumstances related to the complaint require an extension of the time limit. If an extension is needed, the district must notify the parties in writing of the reasons for the extension and the anticipated response date in a language the parties can understand, which may require language assistance for a party with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. At the time the district responds to the parties, the district will send a copy of the response to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- I. The response by the superintendent or designee will include:
 - 1. A summary of the results of the investigation, including whether the alleged conduct violated the definition of sexual harassment as provided in [Policy 3205](#) and whether the conduct occurred in the district's education program or activity;
 - 2. Whether the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines;
 - 3. If the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines, the corrective measures deemed necessary to correct the noncompliance; and
 - 4. Notice of the parties' right to appeal under [WAC 392-190-005](#), including where and with whom the appeal should be filed.The district's response to the complaint will be provided in a language the parties can understand, which may require language assistance for a party with limited-English proficiency in accordance with Title VI.
- J. Corrective measures necessary to correct any noncompliance shall be instituted as expeditiously as possible, but no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the district's written response to the parties, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant.
- K. Any party may appeal the superintendent or designee's decision to a hearing officer designated by the district to hear the appeal by filing a written notice of appeal with the superintendent on or before the tenth (10th) calendar day from the date the parties received the superintendent or designee's response. The hearing officer shall not have been involved in the initial complaint or investigation.
- L. Upon receipt of an appeal, the hearing officer shall provide a written appeal decision to the parties in a timely manner, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the date the district received the appeal, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties. The appeal decision will include notice of the parties' right to file a complaint with the superintendent of public instruction under [WAC 392-190-075](#). The decision of the hearing officer will be provided in a language the parties can understand, which may require language assistance for a party with limited-English proficiency in accordance with Title VI. The decision of the hearing officer will include notice of the parties' right to file a complaint with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The district will send a copy of the appeal decision to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- M. In the event a party disagrees with the appeal decision of the hearing officer or if the district fails to comply with the procedures in [WAC 392-190-065](#) or [WAC 392-190-070](#), that party may file a complaint with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under [WAC 392-190-075](#). A complaint must be received by the Office Superintendent of Public Instruction within twenty (20) calendar days after the parties received the hearing officer's written appeal decision.

Mediation of Complaints

- A. The district may offer mediation, at its expense, to resolve a complaint at any time during the complaint procedure. Mediation:
 - 1. Must be voluntary;
 - 2. Requires the agreement of the district and all parties;
 - 3. May be terminated by any party during the mediation process;
 - 4. Cannot be used to deny or delay a complainant's right to utilize the complaint procedure; and
 - 5. Be conducted by a qualified and impartial mediator, who is not an employee of the district or providing services to a student who is the subject of the mediation.
- B. If the parties resolve the complaint through mediation, the parties may execute a legally binding agreement that:
 - 1. Sets forth the resolution;
 - 2. States that all discussions that occurred during the mediation process will remain confidential and not be used as evidence in any future complaint, due process hearing, or civil proceeding; and
 - 3. Is signed by all the parties and a district representative.
- C. The parties and district may agree to extend the complaint timelines to pursue mediation.

Disciplinary Action

The district will take such disciplinary action as it deems necessary and appropriate to end harassment and to prevent its reoccurrence. Such disciplinary action will be consistent with state and federal law, and in compliance with district discipline policies and procedures. When appropriate, the district shall provide, or continue to provide, supportive measures for individuals involved in the complaint.

Protection Against Retaliation

Retaliation for filing complaints or otherwise participating, or refusing to participate, in the investigation of an allegation of sexual harassment is strictly prohibited. No individual may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any other individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured under the district's policies and procedures and/or state or federal law, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation or proceeding under this procedure.

Training and Orientation

A fixed component of all district orientation sessions for staff, students and regular volunteers will introduce the elements of the district's sexual harassment policies and procedures. Staff will be provided information on recognizing and preventing sexual harassment, including the definition of sexual harassment. Staff will be fully informed of the formal and informal complaint processes and their roles and responsibilities under the policies and procedures. All of the schools' Title IX Coordinators, district investigators, decisionmakers designated under this procedure, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process under this procedure, shall receive training that includes, but is not limited to, the definition of sexual harassment, the scope of the district's education program and activities, how to properly conduct an investigation and the district's complaint process, appeal rights, informal resolution processes, investigating allegations impartially, conflicts of interest, issues of relevance of evidence including when questions and evidence about a complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, and how to create a report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence.

Certificated staff will be reminded of their legal responsibility to report suspected child abuse, and how that responsibility may be implicated by some allegations of sexual harassment. Regular volunteers will get the portions of this component of orientation relevant to their rights and responsibilities.

Students will be provided with age-appropriate information on the recognition and prevention of sexual harassment and their rights and responsibilities under this and other district policies and rules at student orientation sessions and on other appropriate occasions, which may include parents.

As part of the information on the recognition and prevention of sexual harassment staff, volunteers, students and parents will be informed that sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- Demands for sexual favors in exchange for preferential treatment or something of value;
- Stating or implying that a person will lose something if the person does not submit to a sexual request;
- Penalizing a person for refusing to submit to a sexual advance, or providing a benefit to someone who does;
- Making unwelcome, offensive or inappropriate sexually suggestive remarks comments, gestures, or jokes; or remarks of a sexual nature about a person's appearance, gender or conduct;
- Using derogatory sexual terms for a person;
- Standing too close, inappropriately touching, cornering or stalking a person; or
- Displaying offensive or inappropriate sexual illustrations on school property.

All materials used to implement the trainings described above shall be available to members of the public on the district's website and through the district's public records process pursuant to district [Policy 4340](#) and [Procedure 4340P](#).

Reports to the Board

Annually, in conjunction with the report to the board of directors on the district's Affirmative Action Plan, the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer will review the use and efficacy of the sexual harassment policy and procedures.

Policy and Procedure Review

Annually, the superintendent or designee will convene an ad hoc committee composed of representatives of certificated and classified staff, volunteers, students and parents to review the use and efficacy of this policy and procedure. The Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer will be included in the committee. Based on the review of the committee, the superintendent or designee will prepare a report to the board including, if necessary, any recommended policy changes. The superintendent will consider adopting changes to this procedure if recommended by the committee.

Nondiscrimination

Policy 3210

The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability.

District students shall be free from harassment based on legally protected attributes or characteristics.

Conduct against any student that is based on one of the categories listed above that is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive as to limit or deny the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the district's course offerings, educational programming or any activity will not be tolerated. When a district employee knows, or reasonably should know, that such discriminatory harassment is occurring or has occurred, the district will take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end the harassment, prevent its recurrence and remedy its effects.

The district's nondiscrimination statement will be included in all written announcements, notices, recruitment materials, employment applications, and other publications made available to all students, parents, or employees. The statement will include:

1. Notice that the district will not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of any of the above-listed categories;
2. The name and contact information of the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer designated to ensure compliance with this policy; and
3. The names and contact information of the district's Section 504 Coordinator and the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer.

The district will annually publish notice reasonably calculated to inform students, students' parents/guardians (in a language that they can understand, which may require language assistance), and employees of the district's discrimination complaint procedure.

The superintendent will designate a staff member to serve as the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer for this policy. The Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer will be responsible for investigating any discrimination complaints communicated to the district. The district will offer or provide training to administrators and certificated and classroom personnel on their responsibility to raise awareness of and to eliminate bias based on the categories identified in this policy. The superintendent or designee shall provide for the annual evaluation, periodic surveys, annual notice and complaint procedures as required by law to ensure that there is in fact equal opportunity and treatment for all students in the district.

Procedure

3210P

Procedures for Resolving Equal Educational Opportunity Complaints/Grievances

To ensure fairness and consistency, the following review procedure is to be used with regard to issues covered by state and federal equal educational opportunity laws, including Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, [RCW 28A.640.010](#) governing sexual equality in public schools, and [Chapter 28A.642 RCW](#) prohibiting discrimination. This grievance procedure applies to complaints alleging discrimination or discriminatory harassment by employees, other students, or third parties against students based on race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability. Anyone may file a complaint against the district alleging that the district has violated anti-discrimination laws. This complaint procedure is designed to assure that the resolution of real or alleged violations are directed toward a just solution that is satisfactory to the complainant, the administration and the board of directors. As used in this procedure:

- Grievance means a complaint which has been filed by a complainant relating to the alleged violations of any state or federal anti-discrimination laws.
- Complaint means a written charge alleging specific acts, conditions or circumstances, which are in violation of the anti-discrimination laws. Complaints may be submitted by mail, fax, email or hand-delivery to any district or school administrator, or to any employee designated under [WAC 392-190-060](#), or to the district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer responsible for investigating discrimination complaints. Any district employee who receives a complaint that meets these criteria will promptly notify the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer.

The primary purpose of this procedure is to secure an equitable solution to a justifiable complaint. To this end, specific steps will be taken. The district is prohibited by law from intimidating, threatening, coercing or discriminating against any individual for the purpose of interfering with their right to file a grievance under this policy and procedure and from retaliating against an individual for filing such a grievance.

Informal Complaints

At the student and parent/guardian's option, attempts will be made to resolve complaints of discrimination or discriminatory harassment informally, expeditiously and at the closest point of administrative responsibility to the alleged offense. Informal complaints of discrimination or discriminatory harassment of students shall be reported to the building principal/designee. The building principal/designee will be responsible for investigation and resolution of informal complaints. The building principal/designee may seek assistance or guidance from the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. The building principal/designee must notify the complainant of his/her right to file a formal complaint under this policy. The notice shall be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Formal Complaints

Level One – Complaint to the District

- A. The district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer, assistant superintendent of human resources or designee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the district's compliance with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) and related procedures and ensuring that all complaints communicated to the district are promptly investigated and resolved.

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B. The allegations of discrimination or discriminatory harassment shall:

1. be written;
2. describe the specific acts, conditions, or circumstances alleged to violate the district's policies or obligations with regard to discrimination; and
3. be filed with the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer or assistant superintendent of human resources within one (1) year from the date of the occurrence that is the subject of the complaint, unless the delay is due to specific misrepresentations by the district that it had resolved the problem forming the basis of the complaint or the district withheld information that was required to be provided under [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines.

C. Upon receipt of the complaint, the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer, the assistant superintendent of human resources, or designee will provide the complainant a copy of [Procedure 3210P](#) in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. The district will promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint. Following completion of the investigation, the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer or the assistant superintendent of human resources shall provide the superintendent/designee with a full written report of the complaint and the results of the investigation, unless the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant without an investigation or prior to the submission of a written report.

D. The superintendent/designee shall respond in writing to the complainant within thirty (30) calendar days after the district received the written complaint, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant or if exceptional circumstances related to the complaint require an extension of the time limit. If an extension is needed, the district will notify the complainant in writing of the reasons for the extension and the anticipated response date in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. At the time the district responds to the complainant, the district will send a copy of the response to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

E. The response by the superintendent/designee will include:

1. A summary of the results of the investigation;
2. Whether the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines;
3. If the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines, the corrective measures deemed necessary to correct the noncompliance; and
4. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal under [WAC 392-190-005](#), including where and with whom the appeal should be filed.

The district's response to the complaint will be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency in accordance with Title VI.

- F. Corrective measures necessary to correct any noncompliance shall be instituted as expeditiously as possible, but no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the district's written response to the complainant, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant.

Level Two – Appeal

- A. A complainant may appeal the superintendent's/designee's decision to a hearing officer designated by the superintendent to hear the appeal by filing a written notice of appeal with the superintendent on or before the tenth (10th) calendar day from the date the complainant received the superintendent/designee's response. The hearing officer shall not have been involved in the initial complaint or investigation.
- B. Upon receipt of an appeal, the hearing officer shall provide a written appeal decision to the complainant in a timely manner, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the date the district received the appeal, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant. The appeal decision will include notice of the complainant's right to file a complaint with the superintendent of public instruction under [WAC 392-190-075](#). The decision of the hearing officer will be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited- English proficiency in accordance with Title VI.

The decision of the hearing officer will include notice of the complainant's right to file a complaint with the office of the superintendent of public instruction. The district will send a copy of the appeal decision to the office of the superintendent of public instruction.

Level Three – Complaint to the Superintendent of Public Instruction

- A. In the event a complainant disagrees with the appeal decision of the hearing officer or if the district fails to comply with the procedures in [WAC 392-190-065](#) or [WAC 392-190-070](#), the complainant may file a complaint with the office of the superintendent of public instruction under [WAC 392-190-075](#). A complaint must be received by the office of the superintendent of public instruction within twenty (20) calendar days after the complainant received the hearing officer's written appeal decision, unless the superintendent of public instruction grants an extension for good cause. Complaints may be submitted by mail, fax, email or hand delivery.

1. A complaint must be in writing and include:

- A description of the specific acts, conditions or circumstances alleged to violate applicable anti-discrimination laws;
- The complainant's name and contact information, including address;
- The name and address of the district subject to the complaint;
- A copy of the district's complaint and appeal decision, if any; and
- A proposed resolution of the complaint or relief requested.

If the allegations involve a specific student, the complaint must also include the name and address of the student, or in the case of a homeless child or youth, contact information.

2. Upon receipt of a complaint, the office of the superintendent of public instruction may initiate an investigation, which may include conducting an independent on-site review. OSPI may also investigate additional issues related to the complaint that were not included in the initial complaint or appeal to the superintendent or board. Following the investigation, OSPI will make an independent determination as to whether the district has failed to comply with [RCW 28A.642.010](#) or [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#), and will issue a written decision to the complainant and the district that addresses each allegation in the complaint and any other noncompliance issues it has identified. The written decision will include corrective actions deemed necessary to correct noncompliance and documentation the district must provide to demonstrate that corrective action has been completed.

All corrective actions must be completed within the timelines established by OSPI in the written decision unless OSPI grants an extension. If timely compliance is not achieved, OSPI may take action including but not limited to referring the district to appropriate state or federal agencies empowered to order compliance.

A complaint may be resolved at any time when, before the completion of the investigation, the district voluntarily agrees to resolve the complaint. OSPI may provide technical assistance and dispute resolution methods to resolve a complaint.

Level Four – Administrative Hearing

A complainant or school district that desires to appeal the written decision of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction may file a written notice of appeal with OSPI within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of receipt of that office's written decision. OSPI will conduct a formal administrative hearing in conformance with the Administrative Procedures Act, RCW 34.05.

NOTE: The complaint procedure outlined above does not prohibit the processing of a complaint in an informal manner and without investigation if the complainant so desires.

Mediation of Complaints

- A. The district may offer mediation, at its own expense, to resolve a complaint at any time during the complaint procedure. Mediation must be voluntary and requires the mutual agreement of the district and the complainant. It may be terminated by either party at any time during the mediation process. It cannot be used to deny or delay a complainant's right to utilize the complaint procedure.

The purpose of mediation is to provide both the complainant and the district an opportunity to resolve disputes and reach a mutually acceptable agreement through the use of an impartial mediator.

Mediation must be conducted by a qualified and impartial mediator who may not:

1. Be an employee of any school district, public charter school, or other public or private agency that is providing education related services to a student who is the subject of the complaint being mediated; or
 2. Have a personal or professional conflict of interest. A mediator is not considered an employee of the district or charter school or other public or private agency solely because he or she serves as a mediator.
- B. If the parties resolve the complaint through mediation, the parties may execute a legally binding agreement that sets forth the resolution and states that all discussions that occurred during the mediation process will remain confidential and not be used as evidence in any future complaint, due process hearing, or civil proceeding. The agreement must be signed by both the complainant and a district representative who has authority to bind the district.
- C. The complainant and district may agree to extend the complaint timelines to pursue mediation.

Preservation of Records

The files containing copies of all correspondence relative to each complaint communicated to the district and the disposition, including any corrective measures instituted by the district, shall be retained in the office of the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer for a period of six (6) years after resolution or closure of the complaint.

Gender-Inclusive Schools

Policy 3213

In order to foster an educational environment that is safe and free of discrimination for all students, regardless of gender expression, gender identity, or sex, the board recognizes the importance of an inclusive approach toward transgender and gender-expansive students with regard to key terms, communication and the use of names and pronouns, student records, confidential health and education information, communication, restroom and locker room use and accessibility, sports and physical education, dress codes, and other school activities, in order to provide these students with an equal opportunity for learning and achievement.

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. The superintendent will appoint a primary contact to receive copies of all formal and informal complaints and ensure policy implementation. The name and contact information for the Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator will be communicated throughout the district. The district Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator will participate in at least one mandatory training opportunity offered by OSPI. This policy and its [procedure](#) will support that effort by facilitating district compliance with local, state and federal laws concerning harassment, intimidation, bullying, and discrimination.

3213P

The principal or designee, or an appropriate, designated school employee, is encouraged to request a meeting with a transgender or gender-expansive student upon the student's enrollment in the district or in response to a currently enrolled student's change of gender expression or identity. Before contacting a student's parents/guardians, the school will consult with the student about the student's preferences regarding family involvement and consider whether safety concerns are present for the student.

The goals of the meeting are to:

- Develop understanding of that student's individual needs with respect to their gender expression or identity, including any accommodations that the student is requesting or that the district will provide according to Policy 3213 and this procedure and under state and federal law; and
- Develop a shared understanding of the student's day-to-day routine within the school so as to foster a relationship and help alleviate any apprehensions the student may have with regard to their attendance at school.

The principal or designee may not require the student to attend a meeting as a condition of providing them with the protection to which they are entitled under [Policy 3213](#) and this procedure, and state and federal law regarding gender expression or identity.

Key Definitions/Terms

- **Assigned sex at birth:** The sex a person was given at birth, usually based on anatomy or chromosomes (e.g., male, female, intersex, etc.).
- **Cisgender:** A term used to describe people whose assigned sex matches their gender identity and/or gender expression (e.g., someone who was assigned female at birth and whose gender identity and/or gender expression is also female.)
- **Gender Expansive:** A wider, more flexible range of gender identities or expressions than those typically associated with the binary gender system.
- **Gender Expression:** The external ways in which a person expresses their gender to the world, such as through their behavior, emotions, mannerisms, dress, grooming habits, interests, and activities.
- **Gender Identity:** A person's internal and deeply-felt sense of being female, male, both, non-binary, gender- expansive, or other—regardless of the gender assigned at birth.
- **Transgender:** A term often used to describe a person whose gender identity or expression, or both, are different from those traditionally associated with their sex assigned at birth.
- **Transitioning:** The process in which a person goes from living and identifying as one gender to living and identifying as another.

Communication and Use of Names and Pronouns

An appropriate school employee will privately ask known transgender or gender-expansive students how they would like to be addressed in class, in correspondence to the home, and at conferences with the student's parent/guardian. That information will be included in the electronic student record system along with the student's legal name in order to inform teachers and staff of the name and pronoun by which to address the student. However, the student's legal name should be accessible by only necessary staff members—it should not be visible to teachers or other staff who have access to the electronic records system.

When appropriate or necessary, this information will be communicated directly with staff to facilitate the use of proper names and pronouns. A student is not required to change their official records or obtain a court-ordered name and/or gender change as a prerequisite to being addressed by the name and pronoun that corresponds to their gender identity.

When communicating with transgender or gender expansive students regarding particular issues such as conduct, discipline, grades, attendance or health, school employees will focus on the conduct or particular issues rather than making assumptions regarding the student's actual or perceived gender identity or gender expression. Before communicating with parents of transgender or gender expansive students, it's important to ask the student how school employees should refer to the student when talking with their parents and guardians. For families who are supportive, using the student's name and pronoun could be affirming for the student. For parents who are not supportive, or who are not aware of the student's transition at school, referring to their name and pronoun could be very dangerous. The district will not condone the intentional or persistent refusal to respect a student's gender identity or gender expression, or inappropriate release of information regarding a student's transgender or gender-expansive status.

Official Records

The standardized high school transcript is the only official record that requires a student's legal name. School staff should adopt practices to avoid the inadvertent disclosure of the student's transgender or gender-expansive status.

The district will change a student's official records to reflect a change in legal name or gender upon receipt of:

1. Documentation that the student's legal name or gender has been changed pursuant to a court order or through amendment of state or federally-issued identification; or
2. A written, signed statement explaining that the student has exercised a common-law name change and has changed their name for all intents and purposes and that the change has not been made for fraudulent reasons.

Schools may change a student's official gender designation upon parent/guardian or student request pursuant to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI's) process found at <https://ospi.k12.wa.us/data-reporting/reporting/cedars>. The process should not be overly cumbersome, and the district may not require verification from a physician.

When a former student asks for their official student transcript to be changed to reflect a different name or gender:

- Document the transaction (request for the change, proof of identity, certificate, court papers, etc.);
- Issue a new record; and
- Retain (1) the original record; (2) the newly issued record; and (3) the documentation of the transaction.

The school must use the name and gender by which the student identifies on all other records, including but not limited to school identification cards, classroom seating charts, athletic rosters, yearbook entries, diplomas, and directory information.

Confidential Health or Educational Information

Information about a student's gender identity, legal name, or assigned sex at birth may constitute confidential medical or educational information. Disclosing this information to other students, their parents, or other third parties may violate privacy laws, such as the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) ([20 U.S.C. §1232; 34 C.F.R. Part 99](#)). Parents have the right under FERPA to request their student's records and if requested, the district will provide the student's educational records to the parent according to [Policy 3600](#) and [Procedure 3600P](#), Student Records. To ensure the safety and well-being of the student, school employees should not disclose a student's transgender or gender expansive status to others, including other school personnel, other students, or the parents of other students, unless the school is (1) legally required to do so, or (2) the student has authorized such disclosure.

Restroom Accessibility

Students will be allowed to use the restroom that corresponds to the gender identity consistently asserted at school. No student will be required to use a restroom that conflicts with their gender identity. Any student—regardless of gender identity—who requests greater privacy should be given access to an alternative restroom. However, schools may not require a student to use an alternative restroom because of their transgender or gender-expansive status.

Locker Room Accessibility

Use of locker rooms by transgender or gender expansive students will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, with the goal of maximizing transgender or gender expansive student social integration, providing an equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes and athletic opportunities, ensuring the student's safety and comfort, and minimizing stigmatization of the student. The district will take an approach that conforms with OSPI's guidelines. In most cases, the district should provide the student access to the locker room that corresponds to the gender identity consistently asserted at school. Any student who has a need or desire for additional privacy, regardless of the underlying reason, should be provided with a reasonable alternative changing area, such as:

- Use of a private area (e.g., nearby restroom stall with a door, an area separated by a curtain, an office in the locker room, or a nearby health room office restroom); or
- A separate changing schedule (i.e., utilizing the locker room before or after the other students). No student will be required to use a locker room that conflicts with their gender identity.

Sports and Physical Education Classes

The district will provide all students, including transgender and gender-expansive students, the opportunity to participate in physical education and athletic programs/opportunities in a manner that is consistent with their gender identity.

A student may seek review of their eligibility for participation in interscholastic athletics by working through the Gender Identity Participation procedure set forth in the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association ([WIAA](#)) handbook.

Dress Codes

The district will allow students to dress in a manner that is consistent with their gender identity and/or gender expression within the constraints of the dress codes adopted at their school site and within the constraints of the district guidelines for dress as they relate to health and safety issues (e.g., prohibitions on wearing gang-related apparel). School dress codes will be gender-neutral and will not restrict a student's clothing choices on the basis of gender. The district will take an approach that conforms with OSPI's guidelines.

Other School Activities

In any school activity or other circumstance involving separation by gender (i.e., class discussions, field trips, and overnight field trips), students will be permitted to participate in accordance with the gender identity they consistently assert at school. Teachers and other school employees will make every effort to separate students based on factors other than gender where practicable.

Training and Professional Development

The district will designate one (1) person to be the primary contact regarding [Policy 3213](#) and this procedure relating to transgender or gender expansive students. The primary contact must participate in at least one (1) mandatory training opportunity offered by OSPI. When practical, the district will conduct staff training and ongoing professional development as needed in an effort to build the skills of all staff members to prevent, identify and respond to harassment and discrimination. The content of such professional development should include, but not be limited to:

- Terms and concepts related to gender identity, gender expression, and gender diversity in children and adolescents;
- Appropriate strategies for communicating with students and parents about issues related to gender identity and gender expression, while protecting student privacy;
- Strategies for preventing and intervening in incidents of harassment and discrimination, including bullying and cyber-bullying; and
- District and staff responsibilities under applicable laws and district policies regarding harassment, discrimination, gender identity, and gender expression issues.

Discrimination and Harassment Complaints

Discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, gender identity, or gender expression are prohibited within the district. It is the responsibility of each school, the district, and all staff to ensure that all students, including transgender and gender expansive students, have a safe school environment. The scope of this responsibility includes ensuring that any incident of discrimination or harassment is given immediate attention and/or reported to the person designated as the primary contact relating to transgender or gender expansive students. The primary contact will communicate with the district's Gender-Inclusive Schools Coordinator.

Complaints alleging discrimination or harassment based on a person's actual or perceived gender identity or expression are to be taken seriously and handled in the same manner as other discrimination and harassment complaints. This includes investigating the incident and taking age and developmentally-appropriate corrective action. Anyone may file a complaint alleging a violation of [Policy 3213](#). Complaints of discrimination based on gender identity or expression will follow the complaint process outlined in the district's Nondiscrimination [Procedure 3210P](#).

The district will share [Policy 3213](#) and this procedure with students, parents/guardians, employees, and volunteers.

Complaints to Board Members Concerning Staff

Policy 4312

The board welcomes constructive feedback about district programs, but the board has a legal and ethical responsibility to protect its staff from unwarranted criticism and/or disruption of school programs. Complaints received by the board or board members will be referred to the superintendent for investigation.

The board will disallow complaints about individual staff members at public board meetings.

The superintendent will develop procedures to handle complaints about district staff, programs, or instructional materials.

Procedure

4312P

Most complaints can be resolved by informal discussions between the citizen and the staff member. Should the matter not be resolved, the building leader should be contacted in an effort to resolve the issue through conferences with the staff member involved and the citizen.

The following procedures apply to the processing of a complaint which cannot be resolved in the manner described above:

1. If the problem is not satisfactorily resolved at the building level, a written complaint should be filed by the citizen to the chief academic officer, deputy superintendent, department manager, or the superintendent. The complaint should describe the problem and what solution seems appropriate. Copies should be sent to the building leader and staff member involved.
2. The building leader and staff member shall respond to the complaint, in writing or in person, to the superintendent, chief academic officer, deputy superintendent, or department manager.
3. The superintendent or designee shall then attempt to resolve the matter through conference with the citizen, staff member and building leader.
4. If the matter is still not resolved, the superintendent shall present the issue to the board in an executive session in accordance with district personnel policies and procedures.
5. This procedure shall govern complaints not covered more specifically by some other district policy or procedure or an applicable collective bargaining agreement. See, for example, Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials, [Board Policy 2311](#); Sexual Harassment of Students, [Board Policy 3205](#); Nondiscrimination, [Board Policy 3210](#); Sexual Harassment, [Board Policy 5160](#); and Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination [Procedure 5010P](#).

Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination

Policy 5010

In correlation with [Board Policy 0010](#), Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, Everett Public Schools is committed to an educational working environment free from discrimination and harassment as described in this policy. This policy and accompanying [procedure](#) prohibit discrimination and harassment of any staff member, volunteers, and contractors who work on behalf of the district.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The district shall provide equal employment opportunity and treatment for all applicants and employees and will not tolerate unlawful discriminatory practices in recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion and training. Such equal employment opportunity will be provided without discrimination with respect to a legally protected characteristic, which include the following: race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability.

Discriminatory Harassment

Discriminatory harassment is unwelcome conduct that is:

1. Directed toward a person based on a protected characteristic;
2. Sufficiently severe or pervasive;
3. Unreasonably interferes with a person's work environment or ability to perform job duties; and
4. The cause of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment.

Examples of discriminatory harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Unwelcome jokes or comments about a legally protected characteristic (e.g., racial or ethnic jokes);
- Disparaging remarks to or about a person's legally protected characteristic (e.g., negative or offensive remarks or jokes about a person's religion or religious garments);
- Displaying negative or offensive posters or pictures about a legally protected characteristic;
- Physical conduct toward a person due to that person's legally protected characteristic;
- All communications, including those conveyed electronically, such as by email, telephone or voicemail, text messaging, or social media or other internet use, that directly or indirectly implicates a legally protected characteristic; or
- Any other unwelcome conduct that implicated a legally protected characteristic.

In most instances, discriminatory harassment does not include supervisory or evaluative practices.

Affirmative Action

The district, as a recipient of public funds, is committed to undertake affirmative action which will make effective equal employment opportunities for all employees and applicants for employment. Such affirmative action shall include a review of programs, the setting of goals and the implementation of corrective employment procedures to increase the ratio of aged, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities, women, and veterans who are under-represented in the job classifications in relationship to the availability of such persons having requisite qualifications. Affirmative action plans may not include hiring or employment preferences based on gender or race, including color, ethnicity or national origin.

Such affirmative action will also include recruitment, selection, training, education and other programs.

The superintendent or designee will develop an Affirmative Action Plan which specifies the personnel procedures to be followed by staff of the district and will ensure that no such procedures discriminate against any individual. Reasonable steps will be taken to promote employee opportunities of those classes that are recognized as protected groups—aged, persons with disabilities, ethnic minorities and women and veterans, although under state law, racial minorities, and women may not be treated preferentially in public employment.

Employment of Persons with Disabilities

In order to fulfill its commitment of nondiscrimination to those with disabilities, the following conditions will prevail:

1. No qualified person with disabilities will, solely by reason of a disability, be subjected to discrimination and the district will not limit, segregate or classify any applicants for employment or any staff member in any way that adversely affects their opportunities or status because of a disability. This prohibition applies to all aspects of employment from recruitment to promotions and includes fringe benefits and other elements of compensation.
2. The district will make reasonable accommodation to the known physical or mental limitations of an otherwise qualified disabled applicant or staff member unless it is clear that an accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the district program. Such reasonable accommodations may include:
 - a. Making facilities used by staff readily accessible and usable by persons with disabilities; and
 - b. Job restructuring, part-time or modified work schedules, acquisition or modification of equipment or devices, the provision of readers or interpreters and other similar actions.

In determining whether or not accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the district, factors to be considered include the nature and cost of the accommodation.

3. The district will not use any employment tests or criteria that screen out persons with disabilities unless the test or criteria is clearly and specifically job-related. Also, the district will not use such tests or criteria if alternative tests or criteria (that do not screen out persons with disabilities) are available.
4. While the district may not make pre-employment inquiry as to whether an applicant has a disability or as to the nature and severity of any such disability, it may inquire into an applicant's ability to perform job-related functions.
5. Any staff member who believes that there has been a violation of this policy or the law prohibiting discrimination because of a disability may initiate a grievance through the procedures for staff complaints.

Nondiscrimination for Military Service

The district will not discriminate against any person who is a member of, applies to be a member or performs, has performed, applies to perform or has an obligation to perform service in a uniformed service, on the basis of that participation in a uniformed service. This includes initial employment, retention in employment, promotion or any benefit of employment. The district will also not discriminate against any person who has participated in the enforcement of these rights under state or federal law.

Procedure

5010P

Affirmative Action

The board of directors of the Everett School District recognizes that an Affirmative Action Employment Plan is a sound employment practice, as well as a positive approach toward achieving lasting and equitable human resources policies and procedures.

In accordance with state and federal requirements, the district shall develop an Affirmative Action Plan. Such a plan shall include a work force analysis, a projection of possible work force vacancies, an analysis of activities designed to take appropriate affirmative action and a grievance procedure.

The superintendent or designee shall be responsible for the development, implementation and annual reporting of the Affirmative Action Plan. The overall responsibility for monitoring and auditing this plan shall be assigned to the human resources department.

Nondiscrimination

The district shall provide equal employment opportunity for all applicants and employees in recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion and training. The district shall also make reasonable accommodation to the known sensory, mental or physical limitations of an otherwise qualified disabled applicant or employee unless an accommodation would impose an undue hardship on the operation of the district program. District employees shall be free from harassment based on legally protected attributes or characteristics.

In cases where employees or applicants believe that they have been discriminated against on the basis of their legally protected status, that their disabilities have not been reasonably accommodated, or that they have been harassed on the basis of their legally protected status, the employee or applicant may file a complaint using the complaint process set forth in this procedure.

Grievance Procedure

To ensure fairness and consistency, these procedures are to be used in the district's relationship with its staff members, volunteers, or contractors who work on behalf of the district. It specifically governs employment problems covered by state and federal equal employment opportunity laws and/or this affirmative action program, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), Titles VII and IX of the Civil Rights Act, the Washington Law Against Discrimination, and/or the district's Affirmative Action Plan. No such person's status with the district will be adversely affected in any way because the staff member utilized these procedures. The assistant superintendent of human resources or designee shall investigate all allegations of noncompliance or discrimination.

1. "Grievance" means a complaint which has been filed by a staff member, volunteer, or contractor relating to alleged violations of any state or federal anti-discrimination laws.

2. "Complaint" means a written charge alleging specific acts, conditions or circumstances, which are in violation of the anti-discrimination laws. The time period for filing a complaint is one (1) year from the date of the occurrence that is the subject matter of the complaint. However, a complaint filing deadline may not be imposed if the complainant was prevented from filing due to:
 - 1) Specific misrepresentations by the district that it had resolved the problem forming the basis of the complaint; or
 - 2) Withholding of information that the district was required to provide under [WAC 392-190-065](#) or [WAC 392-190-005](#). Complaints may be submitted by mail, fax, email or hand-delivery to any district, school or to the district compliance officer responsible for investigating discrimination complaints. Any district employee who receives a complaint that meets these criteria will promptly notify the compliance officer.
3. "Respondent" means the person alleged to be responsible or who may be responsible for the violation alleged in the complaint.

The primary purpose of this procedure is to secure an equitable solution to a justifiable complaint. To this end, specific steps will be taken. The district is prohibited by law from intimidating, threatening, coercing, or discriminating against any individual for the purpose of interfering with their right to file a grievance under this procedure and from retaliating against an individual for filing such a grievance.

Informal Complaints

With regard to ADA matters, a distinction is to be made between a request for accommodation and a complaint. A request for accommodation should be submitted to the assistant superintendent of human resources. The parties should cooperate to resolve any issues of accommodation through an interactive process prior to the filing of a formal complaint. A complaint is to be filed only in the event there is a complaint of noncompliance after a request for accommodation has been made.

At the employee's option, attempts will be made to resolve complaints of discrimination informally, expeditiously and at the closest point of administrative responsibility to the alleged offense. Informal complaints of discrimination of an employee may be reported to his/her supervisor, the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer, or the assistant superintendent of human resources. The supervisor will be responsible for investigation and resolution of informal complaints. The supervisor may seek assistance or guidance from the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer or assistant superintendent of human resources. The supervisor must notify the complainant of his/her right to file a formal complaint under this policy and procedure. The notice shall be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Formal Complaints

- A. The district's assistant superintendent of human resources or designee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the district's compliance with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) and related procedures and ensuring that all complaints communicated to the district are promptly investigated and resolved.

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The assistant superintendent of human resources or designee will receive and investigate formal complaints. School or district administrators who receive a formal complaint of discrimination will promptly notify the assistant superintendent of human resources and forward a copy of the complaint.

- B. The allegations of discrimination shall:
 1. Be written;
 2. Be signed by the complainant;
 3. Describe the specific acts, conditions, or circumstances alleged to violate the district's policies or obligations with regard to sexual harassment; and

4. Be filed with the assistant superintendent of human resources within one (1) year after the occurrence that is the subject of the complaint, unless the delay is due to specific misrepresentations by the district that it had resolved the problem forming the basis of the complaint or the district withheld information that was required to be provided under [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines.
- C. Upon receipt of the complaint, the district's assistant superintendent of human resources or designee will provide the complainant a copy of Procedure 5010P in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. The district will promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint. Following completion of the investigation, the assistant superintendent of human resources shall provide the superintendent or designee with a full written report of the complaint and the results of the investigation, unless the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant without an investigation or prior to the submission of a written report.
- D. The superintendent or designee shall respond in writing to the complainant within thirty (30) calendar days after the district received the written complaint by the district, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant or if exceptional circumstances related to the complaint require an extension of the time limit. If an extension is needed, the district will notify the complainant in writing of the reasons for the extension and the anticipated response date in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. At the time, the district responds to the complainant, the district will send a copy of the response to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- E. The response by the superintendent or designee will include:
 1. A summary of the results of the investigation;
 2. Whether the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines;
 3. If the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines, the corrective measures deemed necessary to correct the noncompliance; and
 4. Notice of the complainant's right to appeal under [WAC 392-190-070](#), including where and with whom the appeal should be filed.

The district's response to the complaint will be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency in accordance with Title VI.

- F. Corrective measures necessary to correct any noncompliance shall be instituted as expeditiously as possible, but no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the district's written response to the complainant, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant.
- G. A complainant may appeal the superintendent or designee's decision to a hearing officer designated by the district to hear the appeal by filing a written notice of appeal with the superintendent on or before the tenth (10th) calendar day from the date the complainant received the superintendent or designee's response. The hearing officer shall not have been involved in the initial complaint or investigation.
- H. Upon receipt of an appeal, the hearing officer shall provide a written appeal decision to the complainant in a timely manner, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the date the district received the appeal, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant. The appeal decision will include notice of the complainant's right to file a complaint with the superintendent of public instruction under [WAC 392-190-075](#). The appeal decision will be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency in accordance with Title VI. The decision of the hearing officer will include notice of the complainant's right to file a complaint with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The district will send a copy of the appeal decision to the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- I. In the event a complainant disagrees with the appeal decision of the hearing officer or if the district fails to comply with the procedures in [WAC 392-190-065](#) or [WAC 392-190-070](#), the complainant may file a complaint with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction under [WAC 392-190-075](#). A complaint must be received by the Office Superintendent of Public Instruction within twenty (20) calendar days after the complainant received the hearing officer's written appeal decision.

Mediation of Complaints

- A. The district may offer mediation, at its expense, to resolve a complaint at any time during the complaint procedure. Mediation:
 1. Must be voluntary;
 2. Requires the agreement of the district and the complainant;

3. May be terminated by either party during the mediation process;
 4. Cannot be used to deny or delay a complainant's right to utilize the complaint procedure; and
 5. Be conducted by a qualified and impartial mediator, who is not an employee of the district and who has no personal or professional conflict of interest.
- B. If the parties resolve the complaint through mediation, the parties may execute a legally binding agreement that:
1. Sets forth the resolution;
 2. States that all discussions that occurred during the mediation process will remain confidential and not be used as evidence in any future complaint, due process hearing, or civil proceeding; and
 3. Is signed by both the complainant and a district representative.
- C. The complainant and district may agree to extend the complaint timelines to pursue mediation.

Preservation of Records

The files containing copies of all correspondence relative to each complaint communicated to the district and the disposition, including any corrective measures instituted by the district, shall be retained in the office of the Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer following the State of Washington's [School Districts Records Retention Schedule](#).

Sexual Harassment

Policy 5160

All employees and volunteers will be provided a work environment free from sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a form of misconduct which undermines the integrity of the employment relationship. Such conduct, whether committed by supervisory or nonsupervisory personnel, is specifically prohibited.

For the purposes of this policy, **sexual harassment** is defined by state and federal laws as any unwelcome sexual advance, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical contact, or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature that:

- Conditions the provision of employment or an aid, benefit or service of the district, either explicitly or implicitly, on the employee's participation in such conduct (quid pro quo harassment); and/or
- Makes the submission to or rejection of that conduct or communication a factor in decisions affecting that individual's employment; and/or
- A reasonable person would find so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies an employee equal access to a district program or activity; and/or
- Has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an employee's job performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; and/or
- Constitutes sexual assault as defined in the Clery Act, 20 U.S.C. 1092(f)(6)(A)(v)), dating violence as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(10), domestic violence as defined in 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(8), or stalking as defined in the Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA"), 34 U.S.C. 12291(a)(30).

Any employee or volunteer who believes they have been subjected to sexual harassment on the job should bring this to the immediate attention of their supervisor, the Affirmative Action officer, or the assistant superintendent of human resources.

All such complaints will be promptly investigated and, where appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken to end sexual harassment and prevent its recurrence. Corrective action may include disciplinary action, up to and including suspension or termination, against those who violate the sexual harassment policy and support and/or assistance, as appropriate, for individuals who have been subjected to sexual harassment. Disciplinary actions shall be in compliance with collective bargaining agreements and state and federal law. To the highest degree possible, allowing for a fair investigation, complaints will be treated in a confidential manner. Retaliation against employees or volunteers shall not occur because they have made complaints of sexual harassment to management.

Persons who knowingly report false allegations of sexual harassment or corroborate false allegations of sexual harassment will be subject to appropriate discipline or other sanctions.

Reasonable efforts shall be made to inform all employees and volunteers of the district's sexual harassment policy and procedures. These efforts shall include insertion of the policy and procedures in new employee information and volunteer orientation materials.

Informal complaints of sexual harassment by employees or volunteers shall be reported to the employee's or volunteer's supervisor, the Affirmative Action officer, or the assistant superintendent of human resources. The administrator receiving the complaint will be responsible for coordinating the investigation of such complaint with the district's Affirmative Action officer or assistant superintendent of human resources. Formal complaints of sexual harassment shall be processed in accordance with the complaint procedures set forth in [Procedure 5160P](#).

Annually in conjunction with the report to the board of directors on the Affirmative Action Plan, the Affirmative Action officer will review the use and efficacy of the sexual harassment policy and procedures.

Procedure

5160P

Complaint Procedure

These procedures have been developed for the resolution of sexual harassment complaints of employees or volunteers of the district. No person shall be adversely affected in any way because of the utilization of these procedures.

This policy applies to sexual harassment (including sexual violence) targeted at district employees carried out by a student, employee, or a third party involved in school district activities. A formal complaint filed by an employee or filed by or on behalf of a student complainant against an employee respondent will be investigated under the definitions, requirements, and procedures of [Board Policy 3205](#) and [Procedure 3205P](#).

Reports of discrimination and discriminatory harassment will be referred to the district's Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer. Reports of disability discrimination or harassment will be referred to the district's Section 504 Coordinator.

Confidentiality

If a complainant requests their name not be revealed to the alleged aggressor or asks that the district not investigate or seek action against the alleged aggressor, the request will be forwarded to the district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer for evaluation. Regardless of whether a formal complaint is filed, the district must take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end harassment, eliminate the hostile environment, prevent its reoccurrence, and as appropriate, remedy its effects.

The district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer should inform the complainant that honoring the request may limit its ability to respond fully to the incident, including pursuing disciplinary action against the alleged aggressor.

If the complainant still requests their name not be disclosed to the alleged aggressor or that the district not investigate or seek action against the alleged aggressor, the district will need to determine whether or not it can honor such a request while still providing a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all staff and other third parties engaging in district activities, including the person who reported the sexual harassment. Although a complainant's request to have their name withheld may limit the district's ability to respond fully to an individual allegation of sexual harassment, the district will use other appropriate means available to address the sexual harassment.

Informal Complaints

At the employee/volunteer's option, attempts will be made to resolve complaints of discriminatory harassment informally, expeditiously and at the closest point of administrative responsibility to the alleged offense. Informal complaints of discriminatory harassment of an employee/volunteer may be reported to the staff members' supervisor, the Affirmative Action officer, or the assistant superintendent of human resources. The supervisor will be responsible for investigation and resolution of informal complaints. The supervisor may seek assistance or guidance from the district's Affirmative Action Officer or assistant superintendent of human resources.

The supervisor must provide the complainant with a copy of the district's [Board Policy 5160](#) and this procedure, and notify the complainant of the right to file a formal complaint under that policy and procedure. The notice shall be provided in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

During the course of the informal complaint process, the district will take prompt and effective steps reasonably calculated to end any harassment and to correct any discriminatory effects on the complainant. If an investigation is needed to determine what occurred, the district will take interim measures to protect the complainant before the final outcome of the district's investigation. Informal remedies may include, but is not limited to:

- An opportunity for the complainant to explain to the alleged harasser that the conduct is unwelcome, offensive, or inappropriate, either in writing or face-to-face;
- A statement from a staff member to the alleged harasser that the alleged conduct is not appropriate and could lead to discipline if proven or repeated;
- A general public statement from an administrator in a building reviewing the district sexual harassment policy without identifying the complainant; or
- Providing staff and/or student training.

Informal complaints may become formal complaints at the request of the complainant or because the district believes the complaint needs to be more thoroughly investigated.

Formal Complaints

- A. The district's assistant superintendent of human resources or designee shall be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the district's compliance with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) and related procedures and ensuring that all complaints communicated to the district are promptly investigated and resolved.

The Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources is:

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(425) 385-4100

The assistant superintendent of human resources or designee will receive and investigate formal complaints. School or district administrators who receive a formal complaint of discriminatory harassment will promptly notify the assistant superintendent of human resources or designee and forward a copy of the complaint.

- B. The allegations of discriminatory harassment shall:
1. Be written;
 2. Be signed by the complainant;
 3. Describe the specific acts, conditions, or circumstances alleged to violate the district's policies or obligations with regard to sexual harassment;
 4. Clearly indicate a desire for the district to investigate the allegations; and
 5. Be filed with the assistant superintendent of human resources or designee within one (1) year after the occurrence that is the subject of the complaint, unless the delay is due to specific misrepresentations by the district that it had resolved the problem forming the basis of the complaint or the district withheld information that was required to be provided under [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related [guidelines](#).
- C. Upon receipt of the complaint, the district's assistant superintendent of human resources or designee will provide the complainant a copy of [Board Policy 5160](#) and [Procedure 5160P](#) in a language the complainant can understand, which may require language assistance for complainants with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. The district will promptly and thoroughly investigate the complaint.
- D. Before initiating the investigation, the district shall provide written notice of the allegations to both the complainant and the alleged aggressor prior to any discussions or interviews, and provide sufficient details known at the time and sufficient time to prepare a response. Specifically, the written notice must include:
- citations to the complaint process set forth in the district's [Board Policy 5160](#) and [Procedure 5160P](#);
 - allegations with sufficient details (identity of parties, conduct alleged to constitute sexual harassment, date, location, implicated policies, etc.);

- a statement indicating the responding party is “presumed not responsible” until a determination is made;
- notice to the right of an advisor of their choice, who may be an attorney;
- notice that the parties may request to inspect and review relevant evidence; and a reminder of the district’s policy not to make false statements or intentionally submit false information.

If additional allegations are subsequently added to the investigation, the district shall provide written notice to all parties of the new allegations.

The investigation process shall:

- treat all parties to the complaint equitably, including providing supportive measures to all parties, if necessary;
 - be conducted by investigator who is free of bias against any of the parties, and who is trained on the definition of sexual harassment and how to conduct a sexual harassment investigation; and
 - utilize the preponderance of the evidence standard to determine whether the conduct violated the definition of sexual harassment as provided in [Board Policy 5160](#) and whether the conduct occurred in the district’s education program or activity.
- E. Simultaneously, the district shall determine whether supportive measures are necessary. “Supportive Measures” are defined as non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services, offered as appropriate, as reasonably available, and without fee or charge to the complainant or the respondent(s). Such measures may include, but are not limited to:
- counseling;
 - extensions of deadlines or other course-related adjustments;
 - modifications of work or class schedules;
 - restrictions on contact between the parties;
 - increased security and monitoring of certain areas of district grounds; and/or
 - paid administrative leave of the respondent(s).
- F. Following completion of the investigation, the assistant superintendent of human resources shall provide the superintendent or designee with a full written report of the complaint and the results of the investigation, including an objective evaluation of all evidence (both inculpatory and exculpatory), unless the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant without an investigation or prior to the submission of a written report. This report must also be provided to all parties and their representatives, if any, at least ten (10) days before a final decision is made, or in compliance with timelines set forth in any applicable Collective Bargaining Agreement.
- G. After review of the investigative report, the superintendent or designee shall utilize the preponderance of the evidence standard to determine whether the conduct violated the definition of sexual harassment as provided in [Board Policy 5160](#), whether the conduct occurred in the district’s education program or activity, and whether the district complied with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) and/or related guidelines.
- H. The superintendent or designee shall respond in writing to the parties within thirty (30) calendar days after the district received the written complaint by the district, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties or if exceptional circumstances related to the complaint require an extension of the time limit. If an extension is needed, the district must notify the parties in writing of the reasons for the extension and the anticipated response date in a language the parties can understand, which may require language assistance for a party with limited-English proficiency, in accordance with Title VI. At the time the district responds to the parties, the district will send a copy of the response to the office of the superintendent of public (OSPI) instruction.
- I. The response by the superintendent or designee will include:
1. A summary of the results of the investigation, including whether the alleged conduct violated the definition of sexual harassment as provided in [Board Policy 5160](#) and whether the conduct occurred in the district’s education program or activity;
 2. Whether the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines;
 3. If the district failed to comply with [Chapter 392-190 WAC](#) or related guidelines, the corrective measures deemed necessary to correct the noncompliance; and

4. Notice of the parties' right to appeal under [WAC 392-190-005](#), including where and with whom the appeal should be filed.

The district's response to the complaint will be provided in a language the parties can understand, which may require language assistance for a party with limited-English proficiency in accordance with Title VI.

- J. Corrective measures necessary to correct any noncompliance shall be instituted as expeditiously as possible, but no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the district's written response to the parties, unless otherwise agreed to by the complainant.
- K. Any party may appeal the superintendent or designee's decision to a hearing officer designated by the district to hear the appeal by filing a written notice of appeal with the superintendent on or before the tenth (10th) calendar day from the date the parties received the superintendent or designee's response. The hearing officer shall not have been involved in the initial complaint or investigation.
- L. Upon receipt of an appeal, the hearing officer shall provide a written appeal decision to the parties in a timely manner, not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the date the district received the appeal, unless otherwise agreed to by the party. The appeal decision will include notice of the parties' right to file a complaint with the superintendent of public instruction under [WAC 392-190-075](#). The appeal decision will be provided in a language the parties can understand, which may require language assistance for a party with limited-English proficiency in accordance with Title VI. The decision of the hearing officer will include notice of the parties' right to file a complaint with OSPI. The district will send a copy of the appeal decision to OSPI.
- M. In the event a party disagrees with the appeal decision of the hearing officer or if the district fails to comply with the procedures in [WAC 392-190-065](#) or [WAC 392-190-070](#), that party may file a complaint with OSPI under [WAC 392-190-075](#). A complaint must be received by OSPI within twenty (20) calendar days after the parties received the hearing officer's written appeal decision.

Mediation of Complaints

- A. The district may offer mediation, at its expense, to resolve a complaint at any time during the complaint procedure. Mediation:
 - 1. Must be voluntary;
 - 2. Requires the agreement of the district and the all parties;
 - 3. May be terminated by any party during the mediation process;
 - 4. Cannot be used to deny or delay a complainant's right to utilize the complaint procedure; and
 - 5. Be conducted by a qualified and impartial mediator, who is not an employee of the district and who has no personal or professional conflict of interest.
- B. If the parties resolve the complaint through mediation, the parties may execute a legally binding agreement that:
 - 1. Sets forth the resolution;
 - 2. States that all discussions that occurred during the mediation process will remain confidential and not be used as evidence in any future complaint, due process hearing, or civil proceeding; and
 - 3. Is signed by both the all of the parties and a district representative.
- C. The parties and district may agree to extend the complaint timelines to pursue mediation.

The complaint procedure outlined above does not prohibit the processing of complaints by an employee pursuant to complaint procedures established in applicable collective bargaining agreements.

Protection Against Retaliation

Retaliation for filing complaints or otherwise participating, or refusing to participate, in the investigation of an allegation of sexual harassment is strictly prohibited. No individual may intimidate, threaten, coerce, or discriminate against any other individual for the purpose of interfering with any right or privilege secured under the district's policies and procedures and/or state or federal law, or because the individual has made a report or complaint, testified, assisted, or participated or refused to participate in any manner in an investigation or proceeding under this Procedure.

Training and Orientation

A fixed component of all district orientation sessions for staff and regular volunteers will introduce the elements of the district's sexual harassment policies and procedures. Staff will be provided information on recognizing and preventing sexual harassment, including the definition of sexual harassment. Staff will be fully informed of the formal and informal complaint processes and their roles and responsibilities under the policies and procedures.

All of the schools' Title IX Coordinators, district investigators, decisionmakers designated under this Procedure, and any person who facilitates an informal resolution process under this Procedure, shall receive training that includes, but is not limited to, the definition of sexual harassment, the scope of the district's education program and activities, how to properly conduct an investigation and the district's complaint process, appeal rights, informal resolution processes, investigating allegations impartially, conflicts of interest, issues of relevance of evidence including when questions and evidence about a complainant's sexual predisposition or prior sexual behavior are not relevant, and how to create a report that fairly summarizes relevant evidence.

As part of the information on the recognition and prevention of sexual harassment staff and volunteers will be informed that sexual harassment may include, but is not limited to:

- Demands for sexual favors in exchange for preferential treatment or something of value;
- Stating or implying that a person will lose something if the person does not submit to a sexual request;
- Penalizing a person for refusing to submit to a sexual advance, or providing a benefit to someone who does;
- Making unwelcome, offensive or inappropriate sexually suggestive remarks comments, gestures, or jokes; or remarks of a sexual nature about a person's appearance, gender or conduct;
- Using derogatory sexual terms for a person;
- Standing too close, inappropriately touching, cornering or stalking a person; or
- Displaying offensive or inappropriate sexual illustrations on school property.

All materials used to implement the trainings described above shall be available to members of the public on the district's website and through the district's public records process pursuant to district [Board Policy 4340](#) and [Procedure 4340P](#).

Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries

Policy 5253

Purpose

This policy provides all staff, students, volunteers, and community members with information about their role in protecting children from inappropriate conduct by adults. This policy applies to all district staff and volunteers. For the purpose of this policy and its procedure, the terms "district staff," "staff member(s)," and "staff" also include volunteers. **General Standards**

The board expects all district staff to maintain the highest professional standards when they interact with students. All district staff are required to maintain an atmosphere conducive to learning by consistently maintaining professional boundaries.

Professional staff/student boundaries are consistent with the legal and ethical duty of care that district staff have for students.

The interactions and relationships between district staff and students should be based upon mutual respect, trust, and commitment to the professional boundaries between staff and students in and outside of the educational setting and consist with the educational mission of the district.

District staff will not intrude on a student's physical and emotional boundaries unless the intrusion is necessary to serve a demonstrated educational purpose. An educational purpose is one that relates to the staff member's duties in the district. Inappropriate boundary invasions can take various forms. Any type of sexual conduct with a student is an inappropriate boundary invasion.

Additionally, staff members are expected to be aware of the appearance of impropriety in their own conduct and the conduct of other staff when interacting with students. Staff members will notify and discuss issues with their building administrator or supervisor or human resources whenever they suspect or question whether their own or another staff member's conduct is inappropriate or constitutes a violation of this policy.

A staff member who has knowledge or reasonable cause to believe that a student has been a victim of physical abuse or sexual misconduct by another staff member is required by law to report such abuse or misconduct to the appropriate school administrator. The school administrator shall cause a report to be made to the proper law enforcement agency if the administrator has reasonable cause to believe that misconduct or abuse has occurred. During the process of making a reasonable cause determination, the school administrator shall contact all parties involved in the complaint.

The board recognizes that staff may have familial and pre-existing social relationships with parents/guardians and students. Staff members should use appropriate professional judgment when they have a dual relationship to students to avoid violating this policy, the appearance of impropriety, and the appearance of favoritism. Staff members shall proactively discuss these circumstances with their building administrator or supervisor.

Use of Technology

The board supports the use of technology to communicate for educational purposes. However, when the communication is unrelated to school work or other legitimate school business, district staff are prohibited from communicating with students by phone, email, text, instant messenger, or other forms of electronic or written communication. District staff members are prohibited from engaging in any conduct on social networking websites that violate the law, district policies or procedures, or other generally recognized professional standards. This prohibition includes prohibiting staff from “friending” and/or “following” students on social media.

Staff whose conduct violates this policy may face discipline and/or termination consistent with the district’s policies and procedures, acceptable use agreement, and collective bargaining agreements, as applicable.

The superintendent or designee will develop protocols for reporting and investigating allegations of a failure to maintain professional boundaries and develop procedures and training to accompany this policy.

Procedure

5253P

School employees and volunteers are required to maintain professional and appropriate boundaries in their relationships with students that are consistent with legal and ethical standards of care.

Reporting Violations

All school staff members or volunteers must promptly notify the supervisor of a staff member or volunteer suspected of engaging in a boundary invasion toward a student.

Staff members should:

- Not wait before reporting suspicious behavior or try to determine whether there is an innocent explanation;
- Not confront or discuss the matter with the staff member at issue or with anyone else, but maintain confidentiality to protect privacy and avoid rumors; and
- Document for their own records that they notified an administrator, including to whom and what they reported

Students and their parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to notify the principal or designee if they believe a staff member or volunteer may be engaging in inappropriate boundary invasion conduct with a student.

Boundary Invasion

A boundary invasion is an act or pattern of behavior by a staff member or volunteer that does not have a bona fide health, safety, or educational purpose for the student. Staff members and volunteers shall not engage in boundary invasions of students, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- A. Any type of inappropriate physical or sexual conduct with a student or any other conduct that violates the board’s policies regarding student welfare, the educational environment, or conduct toward current or former students. Inappropriate physical conduct includes hugging, kissing, or being “overly touchy” with students without any legitimate educational or professional purpose;
- B. Showing intimate or unduly revealing photos to a student or asking a student to provide intimate or unduly revealing photos, taking inappropriate photographs of a student, or taking an inordinate number of photographs of a student;

- C. Any kind of flirtatious or sexual communications with a student;
- D. Singling out a particular student or students for personal attention and friendship beyond the professional staff/student relationship. This includes, but is not limited to, favoring one or more students with special privileges, allowing them to remain in the classroom during non-class times, unilaterally removing a student from another class or activity, or engaging in “peer like” behavior with one or more students;
- E. Providing alcohol, drugs, or tobacco to students or failing to report their use of these substances;
- F. For non-guidance/counseling staff, allowing or encouraging students to confide their personal or family problems and/or relationships. If a student initiates such discussions, staff members shall refer the student to appropriate guidance/counseling staff. In either case, staff involvement should be limited to a direct connection to the student’s school performance;
- G. Sending students on personal errands unrelated to any educational purpose;
- H. Banter, allusions, jokes, or innuendos of a sexual nature with students;
- I. Commenting on a student’s appearance in a flirtatious or sexual nature, or if the comments have no educational value;
- J. Disclosing personal, sexual, family, or employment concerns or other private matters to one or more students;
- K. Addressing students or permitting students to address staff members or volunteers with personalized terms of endearment, pet names, or otherwise in an overly familiar manner;
- L. Maintaining personal contact (including “friending” or “following”) a student on any social networking application or device;
- M. Sending phone, email, text, instant messenger, or other forms of written or electronic communication to students when the communication is unrelated to schoolwork or other legitimate school business. If staff members have educational or legitimate school business to conduct with students, they should use only district-approved applications to text or call. Communications that are one-way and sent to the entire class may be sent directly to students through one of these applications. If any communication is directed to a small group of students or an individual student, staff shall include a parent/guardian unless doing so would jeopardize the safety, health or welfare of the student. Staff members should use school email addresses and the contact information on file for the student and parent/guardian from the district student information system and not personally collected contact information, except in an emergency situation;
- N. Exchanging or providing personal gifts, cards, or letters with an individual student;
- O. Socializing or spending time with students (including but not limited to activities such as going out for beverages, meals or movies, shopping, traveling and recreational activities) outside of school-sponsored events, except as participants in organized community activities;
- P. Giving a student a ride alone in a vehicle in a non-emergency situation or failing to timely report that occurrence;
- Q. Providing a student with information or views about other students or staff members without a legitimate professional purpose;
- R. Asking a student to keep a secret or not to disclose any inappropriate communications or conduct;
- S. Unnecessarily invading a student’s privacy, (e.g., walking in on the student in the bathroom or a hotel room on a field trip);
- T. Being alone with an individual student out of the view of others; and/or
- U. Any home visits unless other adults are present, the student(s) are invited for an activity related to school, and the student’s parent/guardian and an administrator are informed and have consented.

Investigation and Documentation

When an administrator receives information that a boundary invasion has occurred or might have occurred, the administrator must document, in writing, the concern and provide a copy of the documentation to the appropriate regional superintendent, the district Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer, and general counsel. The Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer will investigate and document the matter, and if a boundary invasion has occurred without a legitimate educational or safety purpose, ensure that appropriate action is taken and documented. The district will maintain a file documenting reports, letters of direction, and discipline relating to professional boundary investigations.

Reminder About Reporting Sexual Abuse

All school personnel who have reasonable cause to believe that a student has experienced sexual abuse by an adult, or another student are required to make a report to Child Protective Services and/or law enforcement. Reporting suspected abuse to the building principal or supervisor does not relieve professional school personnel from their reporting responsibilities and timelines.

Disciplinary Action

Staff member or volunteer violations of this procedure may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal. Violations may occur by ignoring professional boundaries, as well as by failing to report another staff member or volunteer who is ignoring professional boundaries. In any disciplinary situation, the superintendent or designee should consider whether the conduct violates the code of professional conduct in [Chapter 181-87 WAC](#) and whether a report to the Office of Professional Practices is warranted.

Training

All new staff members and volunteers will receive training on appropriate staff/student boundaries within three (3) months of employment or beginning of service. Such initial training may be on-line training. Site administration and classified employee supervisors shall see to it that more detailed, live training covering this entire procedure shall occur every two (2) years for all schools and work sites. Site administration and classified employee supervisors will also address professional boundaries at staff meetings early in the year.

Dissemination of Policy and Reporting Protocols

[Board Policy 5253](#) and this procedure will be included on the district website and in all employee, student, and volunteer handbooks. Annually, all administrators and staff will receive copies of the district's reporting protocol.

District Policies and Procedures

SERIES 1000 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Policy/ Procedure	Title	Description	Situation to apply
1400S	Board Meeting Schedule	Yearly schedule of school board meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To attend a school board meeting or refer someone to a meeting.

SERIES 2000 – INSTRUCTION

Policy/ Procedure	Title	Description	Situation to apply
2105/2105P	Educational Research	Procedures and guidelines for staff and other individuals to conduct research activities/projects in Everett Public Schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All proposals for educationally related research conducted in EPS are to be submitted to the assessment and research department to initiate the approval process. This shall include research by district staff, as well as out-of-district agencies.
2125P	Web-based Resources and Other Online Educational Services	The availability of innovative online technologies to engage students in relevant learning opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before providing/piloting web resources Before creating a student account, uploading files, or utilizing a communication resource not part of an adopted instructional program Before notifying parents of approved web service not part of an adopted instructional program
2145P	Suicide Prevention	Protocol for school staff to support students expressing suicidal ideation, displaying suicidal behaviors or have attempted to harm themselves.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While assessing the risk of student's mental health In the event a student suicide occurs or is attempted When looking for suicide prevention resources
2150P	Co-Curricular Program	Appropriate co-curricular activities are provided contributing to the athletic, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before implementing a new co-curricular activity. While reviewing the qualifications/criteria for a co-curricular program. Cross-reference to 2150.
2151P	Interscholastic Athletics/Activities	The interscholastic activities program includes games, sport competitions or exhibitions for eligible individual students or teams of eligible students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a new coach has been hired. When assessing a student's eligibility for athletics/activities. When a parent/guardian has questions regarding a student's eligibility. When a guardian requests to transport a student to/from an event. If a student is found potentially in violation of the code of conduct.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a student/guardian would like to appeal the school's decision in discipline or exclusion from a sport. • If a student of the opposite gender requests to participate in an interscholastic program.
2153P	Student Group Meetings (Limited Open Forum)	Groups of secondary students want to organize for co-curricular or non-curricular purposes and hold meetings in school facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a non-curriculum group requests principal recognition of co-curricular status. • Before permitting a co-curricular or non-curriculum group to utilize the school facilities for activities.
2210P	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students	Students whose disabilities adversely impact educational performance and who require specially designed instruction. Ensure that disabled students are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When reviewing insurance or funding for student's special education provisions and services. • Before engaging with parents/guardians on the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) • Before referring a child for special education and related services. (Child Find) • Before transitioning a student to special education services or vice versa. • Before disciplining or suspending a student with an IEP or that is undergoing evaluative testing.
2211/2211P	Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973	Ensure that disabled students within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before accommodating a student with disabilities(s) or impairment(s) in any school service/program. • Before disciplining, a student recognized to have a disabling condition. • When referencing or complying to Section 504 and/or IDEA. • When placing a student in a program not operated by the district. • Before taking action to resolve a legal dispute regarding a student with disabilities.
2311P	Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials	Procedures for adoption and approval of instructional materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before implementing a social studies adoption. • Before establishing a Curriculum Review Committee. • Before establishing an Instructional Materials Committee or adding a new member. • Before deciding upon a referral for the school board to review. • If an affected staff member would like to appeal a materials decision.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For parents to challenge a curriculum or excuse a student from participation in curriculum. • Videos shown to students must have high educational merit, meet relevant and meaningful curriculum objectives, and be appropriate for the particular student audience.
2320P	Field Trips	Field trips are natural extensions of the curricular, co-curricular, and interscholastic programs and are opportunities for students to participate in activities and gain learning experiences that cannot be duplicated in the classroom or on the school site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To obtain approval from building administration to organize/plan. • Before making financial arrangements. • Before planning and communicating to parents/guardians. • Before approving a volunteer adult supervisor. • While reviewing the plausibility of a disabled student participating. • When transportation is required through staff members or non-employee drivers. • When preparing for student health care needs, insurance and emergencies. • When experiencing issues with a student on a field trip.
2321P	Guest Speakers	The district may provide for the use of guest speakers and have procedures for their use and approval including notification of parents/guardians.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before requesting a guest speaker. • Before the approved guest speaker visits the classroom. • Information for guest speakers to read relating to the topic of government and democracy. • Speakers that are elected or are running for office • Cross reference: 2321 and 2331
2331/2331P	Controversial Issues	The district offers courses of study to afford learning experiences appropriate to the level of student understanding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before presenting a controversial topic or class to students. • Obligation for staff to be fair and impartial while facilitating classroom discussions • Before allowing a controversial speaker to present. • In the event a student does not wish to attend a controversial presentation.
2340P	Religious-Related Activities and Practices	The district complies with the United States and Washington State constitutions, federal and state law, and the decisions made by the respective courts in making decisions regarding religious-related activities and practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before instructing in a discipline that may have a religious dimension. • If student declines to participate in a school activity or requests to use school facilities after-hours related to his/her religious beliefs. • Before planning an activity focused on a holiday.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a student engages in devotional activity during school programs or in activities before or after school on site. • If a parent/student is aggrieved by practices or activities conducted in the school or district.
2410/2410P	High School Graduation Requirements	Graduation requirements have been established to ensure students are prepared for post-secondary education, training and career with 21st century skills and the foundations needed for lifelong learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before implementing a new secondary course study. • When reviewing a student's graduation requirements.

SERIES 3000 - STUDENTS

Policy/ Procedure	Title	Description	Situation to apply
3122P	Attendance	Regular, consistent, timely attendance is essential to school success, student learning and future employment habits. Teachers will keep a record of student absences and tardiness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use for definition of tardy, excused or unexcused absence and requirements for principals and certificated staff to enforce district's attendance policies and procedures.
3204/3204P	Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying of Students	The district maintains a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, parents/legal guardians, volunteers and community members that is free from harassment, intimidation and bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reference for steps to take to identify, report, and address HIB and for staff interventions.
3205/3205P	Sexual Harassment of Students	The district maintains a learning environment for students that is free from all forms of discrimination, including sexual harassment. This commitment extends to all students involved in academic, educational, extracurricular, athletic, and other programs or activities of the school, whether that program or activity is in a school facility, on school transportation or at a class or school training held elsewhere.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of harassment, complaint process and corrective actions.
3210/3210P	Nondiscrimination	The district provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use for definition of nondiscrimination and district's nondiscrimination statement. Complaint process outlined.
3213/3213P	Gender-Inclusive Schools	The district provides an educational environment that is safe and free of discrimination for all students, regardless of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions and specific steps for compliance with local, state and federal laws concerning transgender and gender-expansive students.
3224/3224P	Student Dress	Student dress shall only be regulated when, in the judgment of school administrators, there is a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a student's clothing or something they are wearing disturbs, disrupts, interferes, or

		reasonable expectation that a health or safety hazard, damage to school property or a material and substantial disruption of the educational process will result from the students' dress or appearance.	detracts from the school environment, activity, or meeting educational objectives.
3231P	Searches of Students and their Property	A student and their property may be searched by a principal or principal's designee if there is reasonable suspicion that evidence of a violation of the law or school rules will be uncovered. School staff shall report a student's suspicious activity to the principal or principal's designee prior to initiating a search, except in emergency situations. A search is required when there is reasonable suspicion that a student has a firearm on school grounds, transportation, or at school events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process for referring a student's suspicious activity related to possession of unknown property to the principal/designee.
3235/3235P	Protection of Student Personal Information	Education data collected by contracted school service providers is an important component for improving student achievement. District employees play a role in ensuring that school service providers use student personal information in a responsible and ethical manner consistent with privacy protections required under federal and state law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District employees will consult with the superintendent or designee and/or school or district business officer to verify that any such contract aligns with Chapter 28A.604 RCW, the Student User Privacy in Education Rights (SUPER) Act, as well as any relevant guidelines listed in this procedure.
3244/3244P	Students Riding School Buses or Other District-Provided Transportation	The denial of the privilege of riding the bus is reserved for the principal or their designee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When a student's conduct on a school bus merits corrective action.
3245/3245P	Technology	To help ensure student safety and digital citizenship in appropriate, ethical online activities, students will be educated about appropriate use of district technology and online behavior.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use when a student's use of district hardware (computers, laptops, cameras), software, internet, network, or Wi-Fi have been used inappropriately. • Inappropriate actions with other individuals on websites; cyberbullying awareness and response.
3246P	Personal Electronic Devices	The district provides students with the technology they need during the school day to access digital and online learning experiences. However, students may use personal electronic devices (PEDs), such as cell phones, tablets, and other mobile devices while on school property or while attending school-sponsored or school-related activities subject to procedures established by the superintendent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines and expectations for students for proper use of PEDs on district property, and disciplinary actions for violations of district policy.
3300/3300P	Student Discipline	Rules of student conduct, designed to provide students with a safe, healthy, and educationally sound environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for staff authority regarding student discipline and behavioral expectations.

3318	Discipline of Special Education Students	Guidelines for the discipline of students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or related services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the behavior of a special education student is likely to lead to a recommendation of suspension or non-emergency removal.
3319/3319P	Use of Physical Restraint and Isolation with Students	Physical restraint and isolation of a student should be avoided; however, on occasion it may be necessary to use physical restraint or to isolate a student to preserve the safety of students and staff.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of physical restraint and isolation, and district process for its use.
3332/3332P	Teacher Responsibilities and Rights	General provisions and procedures for teachers' rights and responsibilities for student behavior expectations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining student behavior expectations and teacher's rights, responsibilities and authority to maintain classroom order.
3400/3400P	Student Welfare	Staff are to conduct all school programs and operations in a manner that recognizes the health and safety of students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expectations and guidelines to minimize the occurrence of situations in which staff members may incur liability for their acts in relation to students.
3401/3401P	Social Emotional Climate	Everett Public Schools supports and promotes school and school district action plans that create, maintain, and nurture physically, emotionally, and intellectually safe, respectful, and positive school and classroom environments that foster equitable, ethical, social, emotional, and academic education for all students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social emotional climate definitions. Framework of school and classroom climate improvement process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Guiding principles and essential elements ✓ Develop a planning team ✓ Analyze data ✓ Develop a strategic communication plan and a integrated improvement action plan
3416/3416P	Medication at School	Guidelines for the appropriate and authorized storage, administration, and monitoring of prescribed or non-prescribed medication on school grounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When it is necessary for a student to receive prescribed and/or non-prescribed (over the counter) medication at school. Storage and administration of medication at school under the supervision of a nurse, staff member or parent/guardian. Guidelines for prescriptions of marijuana to students and its prohibition for administration/use at school.
3418/3418P	Animals in Schools	Animals on school property are discouraged and must have direct relevance to the objectives of the instructional program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines and restrictions for introduction of animals at school.
3421/3421P	Child Abuse and Neglect	Professional school personnel must meet their legal obligation under RCW 26.44.030 to report to Child Protective Services (CPS) or the proper law enforcement agency within forty-eight (48) hours when they have reasonable cause to believe that a child has suffered abuse or neglect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definitions of child abuse, neglect and exploitation and staff responsibilities for reporting every instance of suspected child abuse, neglect or exploitation.

3530/3530P	Student Fundraising Activities	The solicitation of funds from students, staff and citizens must be limited since students are a captive audience and since solicitation can disrupt the program of the schools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines and expectations to follow for student fundraising activities.
3600P	Student Records	The district shall maintain those student records necessary for the educational guidance and/or welfare of students, for orderly and efficient operation of schools and as required by law. All information related to individual students shall be treated in a confidential and professional manner.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for accessibility, maintenance, and FERPA rights pertaining to student records.
3610P	Child Custody	Written guidelines pertaining to rights of non-custodial parents should be readily accessible to direct staff if a non-custodial parent appears without prior notice to meet with the teacher of their child, to visit with their child, or to remove their child from the school premises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defining rights of non-custodial parents to have access to the classroom, school-sponsored activities, and teaching materials. Guidelines for visits and/or releasing student to non-custodial parent.

SERIES 4000 – COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Policy/ Procedure	Title	Description	Situation to apply
4131P	Confidential Communications	Staff shall follow all applicable laws, regulations and rules regarding release of information about students, personnel, and district programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines to follow if a student reveals confidential information that may put them or others in danger.
4205	Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products and Delivery Devices	To protect students from exposure to the addictive substance of nicotine and to set a smoking-free example for students, employees, students and all community members have an obligation as role models to refrain from the use of tobacco and tobacco-like products on district property.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines to enforce the district's policy for no smoking cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars or any other use of tobacco or tobacco-like products at schools, district buildings, district property and district-owned vehicles. Cross reference: Policy 5140
4207	Regulation of Firearms and Dangerous Weapons on School District Property	It is a violation of district policy and state law for any person to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon on school district property, district-provided transportation or areas of other facilities being used exclusively for school district activities unless specifically authorized by state law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School or district officials will promptly notify the student's parents/guardians and the appropriate law enforcement agency of known or suspected violations of this policy.
4310	Contact with School/District Staff	Certificated staff working at school sites shall be available to consult with parents, citizens, or students for one-half hour before and after the school day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for assuring parents have access to their child's classroom for the purpose of observing class procedure, teaching material, and class conduct.
4312P	Complaints to Board Members Concerning Staff	The board welcomes constructive feedback about district programs but the board has a legal and ethical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process to follow for filing/expressing a complaint regarding a staff member.

		responsibility to protect its staff from unwarranted criticism and/or disruption of school programs.	
4314/4314P	Visitors, Animals on District Property and/or Disruption of School Operations	Visits to schools by parents/guardians, other adult residents of the community, and other educators are welcome. In order to manage the risks associated with the presence of dogs or other animals on district property, the superintendent will establish guidelines governing such activity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines and security measures to follow for minimal disruption when visitors are permitted to observe the educational program. Restrictions applying to dogs and other animals on district property.
4340/4340P	Public Access to District Records	The district shall afford full access to public records concerning the administration and operations of the district in accordance with the Public Records Act. Access to student records is primarily controlled by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act FERPA (20 U.S.C. § 1232g. 34 CFR Part 99).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When a parent or community member requests to see or be provided copies of district records beyond their normal access online or in regular school communications. Public Records Office CRC – 3900 Broadway 425-385-4188/425-385-4172 (Fax) publicrecords@everettsd.org
4411/4411P	Working Relationships with Law Enforcement, the Department of Children, Youth and Families, and the Local Health Department	The primary responsibility for maintaining proper order and conduct in the schools resides with district staff. Therefore, district staff shall be responsible for holding students accountable for infractions of school rules, which may include minor violations of the law occurring during school hours or at school activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protocols for interviews of students by law enforcement, CPS and the county health department on school grounds. Parameters for when a parent must be notified of such actions by the school administrator.
4412	Political Relationships with Government Agencies	The board recognizes and encourages the right of its employees, as citizens, to engage in political activity. School property and school time, supported by public funds, may not be used for political purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidelines for staff to engage in political activity or who hold elective or appointive public office.

SERIES 5000 – HUMAN RESOURCES

Policy/ Procedure	Title	Description	Situation to apply
5010/5010P	Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination	The district provides equal employment opportunity for all applicants and employees and will not tolerate unlawful discriminatory practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion, training and reasonable accommodations per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
5140	Tobacco or Tobacco-Like Products Use Policy Cross reference: Policy 4205	Tobacco or tobacco-like product use is prohibited inside all district facilities, on all district property and in all district vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employees are subject to this policy, which includes rented or leased facilities to other agencies.
5150	Drug-Free Workplace	The district complies with and prohibits acts involving alcohol, illegal drugs and controlled substances including marijuana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employees, patrons subject to this policy. Workplace includes any district building, property, district-owned vehicle, other

		(cannabis) per the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.	district-approved vehicle used to transport students, off-district property during school-sponsored or approved activity, event, or function.
5160/5160P	Sexual Harassment	All employees and volunteers will be provided a work environment free from sexual harassment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When an employee or volunteer reports unwelcome sexual favor requests, other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature as a condition of employment, in employment decisions or it substantially affects the individual's work performance.
5161	Civility in the Workplace	The board commits the district in its entirety to the core value of mutual respect for each person regardless of individual differences or characteristics.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Directors, employees, parents, volunteers, contractors and visitors are subject to this policy when uncivil conduct or other forms of disruptive behavior interferes with an employee's ability to accomplish their work and a school's ability to educate its students.
5215	Conflicts of Interest	The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on activities that may constitute a conflict of interest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any situation in which a district employee, either for himself/herself or some other person(s), attempts to promote a private or personal interest that interferes with the objective exercise of his/her district duties or for gain/advantage by virtue of his/her position in the district.
5225/5225P	Technology	Use of technology is to improve performance and achievement for all students and employees, and increase productivity and efficiency in day-to-day operations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides for employee access to job-appropriate technologies and outlines expectations for appropriate use of available technology.
5253/5253P	Maintaining Professional Staff/Student Boundaries	All employees will maintain the highest professional, moral and ethical standards in interactions with students.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When an employee's behavior has no legitimate educational purpose, has the potential to abuse the relationship between the employee and the student, or violates legal and ethical standards of care.
5270	Disciplinary Action and Discharge	The superintendent or designee may take disciplinary action against an employee in accordance with any applicable contract or bargaining agreement or state law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff who fail to fulfill their job responsibilities or follow the reasonable directions of their administrators, who conduct themselves on or off the job in ways that negatively impact their effectiveness on the job, or engage in certain other negative behavior and conduct, may be subject to disciplinary action or discharge.
5320/5320P	Leaves of Absence	Consistent with the law, leaves of absence for non-represented employees may be granted.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outlines protocols for leaves of absence for employee groups not associated with a union, e.g. administrators and professional/technical.

5320.9/5320.9P	Family, Medical, and Maternity Leave	Family and Medical Leave will be provided for all eligible employees pursuant to its provisions and Washington state laws/regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to all employees who have worked for the district for at least twelve (12) months, and at least 1,250 hours over the previous twelve (12) months, except female employees who are eligible for leave for any period of pregnancy-related illness or disability.
5406/5406P	Shared Leave Program	The district has established and administers a leave sharing program in which qualified employees may donate accrued leave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purpose of the Shared Leave Program is to provide a mechanism to allow employees to donate annual (vacation) or sick leave to eligible fellow employees in a manner consistent with state law and regulations.

SERIES 6000 – MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Policy/ Procedure	Title	Description	Situation to apply
6114P	Gifts	Individuals and organizations in the community may wish to contribute additional supplies, equipment or monetary donations to enhance or extend the instructional program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure for staff to follow if money or another type of gift is donated to a school or staff member.
6213P	Reimbursement for Travel Expenses	Travel expenses incurred by employees and board members on approved travel may be reimbursed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure for staff to follow during approved district travel.
6225P	Food and Beverage Consumption	Staff members and others associated with the district are expected to pay for their own food and beverages. However, under certain circumstances the district may expend funds for food and non-alcoholic beverages consumed by staff and others while in the conduct of district business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procedure for staff to follow when purchasing/providing food for school or district meetings.
6505P	Video Security on School District Grounds or Property	The district is committed to maintaining a safe and positive environment for students, staff and visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is necessary to use video security on district property to ensure the safety of school staff, students and visitors; to protect district property; and to aid in the enforcement of district policies, procedures and rules.
6531	Care of District Property	Staff shall ensure buildings, equipment, furniture and motor vehicles are not abused.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> District provided equipment, furniture, etc. should be maintained and treated with care.
6540P	School District's Responsibility for Privately-Owned Property	The district shall not make reimbursement for loss or damage to a staff member's personal equipment or material brought to school unless evidence can be shown that it was necessary or highly desirable for use in the school program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a staff member brings personal equipment or materials for use at school, the district is not responsible for loss or damage.

6550P	Data Security and Privacy	This policy provides guidance and a framework to encourage and support the district's use of data for decision-making purposes to improve student learning, while safe-guarding the security of the data and the privacy of our students, staff and the district as an organization.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff members with access to personally identifying student information should consider themselves data users and are responsible to ensure the security of data. This procedure outlines obligations to ensure privacy of student information online following FERPA, COPPA and CIPA.
6571P	Lending of District-Owned Equipment and Books	This policy provides that school equipment may be removed from school property by students or staff members only when such equipment is necessary to accomplish tasks arising from their school or job responsibilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If school equipment is to be used off the school site by a staff member, they must have prior approval from the principal and will be fully liable for loss or damage.