

Marysville School District

Volunteer Clearance Instructions - Adult

VOLUNTEER CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS (See Below for More Information):

- Completion of volunteer application packet (once every two years).
- Copy of State-issued driver's license or identification card (with volunteer application packet).

-Volunteer Application Packet-

1. If you are **under** 18, please complete the Student volunteer application packet.
2. The packet is attached. All pages must be completed **in full**, except as described below. Please check both sides of all pages. Any missing information may delay the processing of your request.
3. Listing your Social Security number is strictly optional. If a fingerprint is required, we will contact you after receiving your packet.
4. **The Applicant Disclosure page is a legal document and must match the results that we receive from the Washington State Patrol.** Please answer "Yes" or "No" to all of the questions, elaborating any "Yes" answers with a description.
5. Packets that include information for more than one applicant will not be accepted.
6. Due to the large number of applications that are received, it is not possible to notify each applicant if their packet is approved. This information may be obtained from your school's office, or by contacting MaryAnn Ballew at the Marysville School District - (360) 965-0000. However, you will be notified if there are any issues with your packet.
7. Once approved, your volunteer clearance will be good for two years from the date of processing your packet with the Washington State Patrol. **After two years, another volunteer application packet must be submitted and cleared in order to maintain your volunteer status.**
8. It may take up to ten days to process your packet.
9. If you are an **out-of-state resident**, in addition to this application packet, you must request a copy of your criminal history from your state of residency. This criminal history information must be sent directly to the Marysville School District from your State's offices.
10. If you would like to be a **volunteer driver**, there are additional steps which must be completed. Please contact your school or Risk Management at (360) 965-0109 for more information.
11. A copy of your current State-issued driver's license or identification card must accompany this packet.
12. Information regarding harassment, intimidation and bullying is attached. More information can be found at www.stopbullying.gov or www.k12.wa.us/safetycenter/bullyingharassment/default.aspx. If desired, **optional**, online training is also available on this topic. For more information, please contact Risk Management at (360) 965-0109.

Questions? Contact...

Marysville School District - (360) 965-0000 – maryann_ballew@msd25.org

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL

Identification and Criminal History Section
PO Box 42633, Olympia WA 98504-2633

SCHOOL _____

REQUEST FOR CRIMINAL HISTORY INFORMATION CHILD/ADULT ABUSE INFORMATION ACT RCW 43.43.830 THROUGH 43.43.845 (Instructions on Reverse Side)

<p>A REQUESTING AGENCY/ADDRESS</p> <p>Marysville School District #25 Agency</p> <p>Community Relations Attn</p> <p>4220 80th Street NE Address</p> <p>Marysville, WA 98270 City/State/Zip</p> <p>I certify this request is made pursuant to and for the purpose indicated.</p> <p>Marysville School District Authorized Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Community Relations Title _____ Area Code/Phone Number _____</p>	<p>B PURPOSE</p> <p>Check appropriate box</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational School District (ESD)/School District Volunteer – no fee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit Business/Organization – no fee (Excluding Schools & ESD's)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Profit Business/Organization - \$35</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Adoptive Parent - \$35</p> <p>Fees: Make payable to Washington State Patrol by check, money order, or business account.</p> <p>Notary letters certifying the results are available upon request. There is an additional \$5.00 processing fee per notary seal.</p> <p>_____ Notarized Letters(s)</p>
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C APPLICANT OF INQUIRY (Please provide as much information as possible; name and date of birth are mandatory.)

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Alias/Maiden Name(s): _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____
Month/Day/Year

Social Security Number: _____ Driver's Lic. Number/State: _____ / _____

Secondary dissemination of this criminal history record information response is prohibited unless in compliance with statute.

D WASHINGTON STATE PATROL IDENTIFICATION & CRIMINAL HISTORY SECTION

WSP Use Only

As of this date, the applicant named below has no record pursuant to RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845.

Marysville School District #25
Requesting Agency

Applicant's Signature _____

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Applicant Right Thumb Print (Optional)



PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING **REQUIRED** INFORMATION:

Full **LEGAL** Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street #/Street Name/Apt #) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information:	
_____	_____
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Phone

_____ E-Mail Address

If You Wish to Volunteer With a Particular Student, Please List Students' Names: _____

I agree to complete the disclosure information required under RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845. I understand this time is spent in a volunteer capacity only and I agree to comply with district, school and classroom rules, procedures, and policies. I understand as a volunteer that all information regarding students, families, staff and the organization is strictly confidential. I will respect the confidential nature of any verbal or written communication I receive regarding staff, students, and families. Additionally, I will not copy, distribute or use written or electronic materials belonging to the school or prepared in connection with the school except as authorized for the benefit of the school. **I agree to keep all information confidential at school and after I leave school.** If I leave my volunteer position, I agree to return all copies of school-related documents, electronically recorded school information or other tangible things to the school. I will be discreet in any verbal communication by not discussing children, staff, and families in front of others. If I must communicate information within earshot of others, I will use the student's first initial only. If I have questions regarding how this policy applies to a specific situation, I will ask a member of the school staff where I volunteer. I will immediately report any information disclosed to me concerning a child's safety directly to the principal.

As a volunteer I know that I am acting on behalf of the school district. I will comply with the District's legal duties to be neutral on matters of religion and not to promote religious or political viewpoints in interacting with students in the course of my volunteer assignment. I agree that if my volunteer assignment involves conversations with students, my obligation of neutrality requires that I refrain from initiating discussions of such subjects. If students initiate discussion on such matters, I know that I am not prohibited from responding about my own beliefs, but I know that I may not use such interactions to promote my personal views.

Marysville School District requires all volunteers to be aware of the District policies and procedures concerning harassment, intimidation and bullying, including the responsibility to identify and report when these incidents occur. I have read and accepted the terms of the attached policy no. 3207 and procedure no. 3207P entitled "Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying."

I release and waive Marysville School District #25, my former employers, and all references from any and all liability in obtaining or disclosing volunteer related information. I understand copies of my signature will be honored and that this signed release shall not have an expiration date. If any part of the application has been altered, the application will not be accepted.

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

I WISH TO VOLUNTEER AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL(S):

- | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10 th Street | <input type="checkbox"/> ECEAP | <input type="checkbox"/> Marshall | <input type="checkbox"/> MMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoultes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allen Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Grove | <input type="checkbox"/> MGHS-ACE | <input type="checkbox"/> MMVHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunnyside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts & Tech | <input type="checkbox"/> Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> MGHS-BIO | <input type="checkbox"/> MPHS-POC | <input type="checkbox"/> TMS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cascade | <input type="checkbox"/> Kellogg Marsh | <input type="checkbox"/> MGHS-ISC | <input type="checkbox"/> Pinewood | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CMS | <input type="checkbox"/> Liberty | <input type="checkbox"/> MGHS-SFE | <input type="checkbox"/> Quil Ceda Tulalip | |

APPLICANT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 43.43 RCW

Please Answer YES or NO to each listed item. If the answer is YES to any item, explain in the area provided, indicating the charge or finding, the date, and the court(s) involved. The term ‘**convicted**’ means all adverse dispositions, including a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, an Alford plea, stipulation to the facts, a deferred or suspended sentence, or a deferred prosecution.

1. Have you **ever** been convicted of any crimes against persons as defined in RCW 43.43.830 and listed as follows: aggravated murder; first or second degree murder; first or second degree kidnapping; first, second, or third degree assault; first, second, or third degree assault of a child; first, second, or third degree rape; first, second, or third degree rape of a child; first or second degree robbery; first degree arson; first degree burglary; first or second degree manslaughter; first or second degree extortion; indecent liberties; incest; vehicular homicide; first degree promoting prostitution; communication with a minor; unlawful imprisonment; simple assault; sexual exploitation of minors; first or second degree criminal mistreatment; child abuse or neglect as defined in RCW 26.44.020; first or second degree custodial interference; first or second degree custodial sexual misconduct; malicious harassment; first, second, or third degree child molestation; first or second degree sexual misconduct with a minor; patronizing a juvenile prostitute; child abandonment; promoting pornography; selling or distributing erotic material to a minor; custodial assault; violation of child abuse restraining order; child buying or selling; prostitution; felony indecent exposure; criminal abandonment; or any of these crimes as they may be renamed in the future?

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

2. Have you **ever** been convicted of crimes relating to financial exploitation as defined in RCW 43.43.830(6) as amended, if the victim was a vulnerable adult and listed as follows: first, second, or third degree extortion; first, second, or third degree theft; first or second degree robbery; forgery; or any of these crimes as they may be renamed?

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

3. Have you **ever** been convicted of crimes related to drugs? For purposes of this question, “crimes related to drugs” means a conviction of a crime to manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

4. Have you **ever** been found in any dependency action under RCW § 13.34.040 to have sexually assaulted or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

5. Have you **ever** been found by a court in a domestic relations proceeding under Title 26 RCW to have sexually abused or exploited any minor or to have physically abused any minor?

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

6. Have you **ever** been found in any final disciplinary board decision or by the director of the department of licensing in the following business or professions (chiropractic, dentistry, dental hygiene, naturopathy, massage, midwifery, osteopathy, physical therapy, physicians, practical nursing, registered nursing, psychology, real estate broker, and salesperson) to have sexually or physically abused any minor or developmentally disabled person or to have abused or financially exploited any vulnerable adult?

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

7. Have you ever been found by a court in a protection proceeding under chapter 74.34 RCW, to have abused or financially exploited a vulnerable adult?

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN:**

8. Have you been convicted in the past 10 years of any misdemeanor or have you been convicted of any felony at any time?

ANSWER: _____ **IF YES, cite and describe each incident on a separate piece of paper.**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing statements are true and correct. Furthermore, I understand that my volunteer status is conditional upon the background checks that the Marysville School District will conduct.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING

The Marysville School District 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. “Harassment, intimidation or bullying” means any intentionally written message or image — including those that are electronically transmitted — verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, mental or physical disability or other distinguishing characteristics, when an 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

Harassment, intimidation or bullying 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying 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.

Prevention

The district will provide students with strategies aimed at preventing harassment, intimidation and bullying. In its efforts to train students, the district will seek partnerships with families, law enforcement and other community agencies.

Interventions

Interventions are designed to remediate the impact on the targeted student(s) and others impacted by the violation, to change the behavior of the perpetrator, 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 target of harassment, intimidation or bullying, 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying incident was based on the student’s disability. During the meeting, the team will evaluate issues such as the student’s academic performance, behavioral 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying 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 harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

It is also a violation of district policy to knowingly report false allegations of harassment, intimidation, and bullying. Students or employees will not be disciplined for making a report in good faith. However, persons found to knowingly report or corroborate false allegations will be subject to appropriate discipline.

Compliance Officer

The superintendent will appoint a compliance officer as the primary district contact to receive copies of all formal and informal complaints and ensure policy implementation. The name and contact information for the compliance officer will be communicated throughout the district.

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

Cross References:	Policy 2161	Special Education and Related Services for Eligible students
	Policy 3200	Rights and Responsibilities
	Policy 3210	Nondiscrimination
	Policy 3240	Student Conduct
	Policy 3241	Classroom Management, Corrective Action and Punishment

Policy 5011

Sexual Harassment

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.300.285

Harassment, intimidation, and bullying prevention policies and procedures – Model policy and procedure – Training materials – Posting on website – Rules – Advisory committee

WAC 392-190-059

Harassment, intimidation and bullying prevention policy and procedure – School districts.

Management Resources:

Policy News, December 2014

Policy News, December 2010

Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Policy
Strengthened

Policy News, April 2008

Policy News, April 2002

Cyberbullying Policy Required
Legislature Passes and Anti-Bullying Bill

Marysville School District No. 25

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Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

A. Introduction

Marysville School District 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, including gender expression or identity, mental or physical disability, or other distinguishing characteristics.

The district takes Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) issues very seriously. Every adult who works with children receives training in HIB as well as reporting requirements as outlined in policy. 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 and to prevent its recurrence.

As a district, we offer four ways to students or adults to report HIB issues and other unsafe behaviors such as drug use, weapons, or other high-risk behaviors through SafeSchools Alert. Reports can either be made online, email, text or phone call. Go to: <https://msvl-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/>. Reporting forms are also available at each school site and the district's Educational Service Center. Also see Reporting – Item G of this document.

B. Definitions

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

Harassment, intimidation or bullying is an intentional act whether electronic, written, verbal, or physical that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- 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 harassment, intimidation and bullying 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying.

Incident Reporting Forms may be used by students, families, or staff to report incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying. A sample form is provided on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's (OSPI) School Safety Center website:
www.k12.wa.us/SafetyCenter/BullyingHarassment/default.aspx.

Retaliation is when an aggressor harasses, intimidates, or bullies a student who has reported incidents of bullying.

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 is a student against whom harassment, intimidation or bullying has allegedly been perpetrated.

C. Relationship to Other Laws

This procedure applies only to RCW 28A.300.285 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying prevention. 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:

- RCW 28A.300.285 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- RCW 28A.640.020 – Sexual Harassment
- RCW 28A.642 – Prohibition of Discrimination in Public Schools
- RCW 49.60.010 – The Law Against Discrimination

The district will ensure its compliance with all state laws regarding harassment, intimidation or bullying. 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 gender or membership in a legally protected class under local, state, or federal law.

D. Prevention

1. Dissemination

In each school and on the district's website the district will prominently post information on reporting harassment, intimidation and bullying; the name and contact information for making a report to a school administrator; and the name and contact information for the district 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 Washington Administrative Code 392-400-226.

2. Education

Annually students will receive age-appropriate information on the recognition and prevention of harassment, intimidation or bullying 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 form.

3. Training

Staff will receive annual training on the school district's policy and procedure, including 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 prevention 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 harassment, intimidation and bullying in schools.

E. Compliance Officer

The district compliance officer will:

1. Serve as the district's primary contact for harassment, intimidation and bullying.
2. Provide support and assistance to the principal or designee in resolving complaints.
3. Receive copies of all Incident Reporting Forms, discipline Referral Forms, and letters to parents providing the outcomes of investigations.
4. Be familiar with the use of the student information system. The compliance officer may use this information to identify patterns of behavior and areas of concern.
5. Ensure implementation of the policy and procedure by overseeing the investigative processes, including ensuring that investigations are prompt, impartial, and thorough.
6. Assess the training needs of staff and students to ensure successful implementation throughout the district, and ensure staff receive annual fall training.
7. Provide the OSPI School Safety Center with notification of policy or procedure updates or changes on an annual basis.
8. In cases where, despite school efforts, a targeted student experiences harassment, intimidation or bullying that threatens the student's health and safety, the 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.

F. Staff Intervention

All staff members shall intervene when witnessing or receiving reports of harassment, intimidation or bullying. Minor incidents that staff are able to resolve immediately, or incidents that do not meet the definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying, may require no further action under this procedure.

G. Reporting HIB

Any student who believes he or she has been the target of unresolved, severe, or persistent harassment, intimidation or bullying, 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying may report incidents verbally or in writing to any staff member or electronically at <https://msvl-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/> via online, email, text, or phone call. Reporting forms are available at each school site and the district's Educational Service Center.

H. Addressing Bullying – Reports

Step 1: Reporting HIB - Confidentiality

In order to protect a targeted student from retaliation, a student need not reveal his identity when reporting HIB. Reports may be filed anonymously, confidentially, or the student may choose to disclose his or her identity (non-confidential). Reporting may occur in any manner described in Item G – Reporting HIB.

Status of Reporter

a. Anonymous

Individuals may 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 or develop other methods for receiving anonymous, unsigned reports. Possible responses to an anonymous report include enhanced monitoring of specific locations at certain times of day or increased monitoring of specific 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 5th period.)

b. 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 but asks that nobody know who reported the incident. The supervisor says, "I won't be able to punish the bullies unless you or someone else who saw it is willing to let me use their names, but I can start hanging out near the basketball court, if that would help.")

c. 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 of this policy and procedure to protect complainants and witnesses.

Step 2: Receiving an Incident Reporting Form

All staff are responsible for receiving oral and written reports. Whenever possible staff who initially receive an oral or written report of harassment, intimidation or bullying shall attempt to resolve the incident immediately. Reports that are submitted using SafeSchools Alert at <https://msvl-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/> (online, email, text, or phone) will also be acted upon as soon as possible (during normal business hours) by the designated district-level staff member assigned to receive such reports. If the incident is resolved to the satisfaction of the parties involved, or if the incident does not meet the definition of harassment, intimidation or bullying, no further action may be necessary under this procedure.

All reports of unresolved, severe, or persistent harassment, intimidation or bullying 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 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

All reports of unresolved, severe, or persistent harassment, intimidation or bullying will be investigated with reasonable promptness. Any student may have a trusted adult with them throughout the report and investigation process.

- a. Upon receipt of a report that alleges unresolved, severe, or persistent harassment, intimidation or bullying, the school or district designee will begin the 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying occur between the complainant and the alleged aggressor. If necessary, the district will implement a safety plan 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.
- c. Within two (2) school days after receiving the report, 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 harassment, intimidation and bullying.
- 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 his or her parent/guardian, the district may initially refrain from contacting the parent/guardian in its investigation of harassment, intimidation and bullying. If professional school personnel suspect that a student is subject to abuse and neglect, they must follow district policy for reporting suspected cases to Child Protective Services.
- 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 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 legal requirement regarding the confidentiality of student records, 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 a 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 his or her 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.

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

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 quickly as possible, but in no event more than five (5) school days after contact has been made to the families or guardians regarding the outcome of the investigation. Corrective measures that involve student discipline will be implemented according to district policy 3241, *Classroom Management, Corrective Actions or Punishment*. If the accused aggressor is appealing the imposition of discipline, the district may be prevented by due process considerations or a 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying, that student may be subject to corrective measures, including discipline.

Step 5: Targeted Student's Right to Appeal

1. If the complainant or parent/guardian is dissatisfied with the results of the investigation, they may appeal to the superintendent or his or her designee by filing a written notice of appeal within five (5) school days of receiving the written decision. The superintendent or his or her 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.
2. 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 secretary of the school board on or before the fifth (5) school day following the date upon which the complainant received the superintendent's written decision.
3. An appeal before the school board or disciplinary 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 disciplinary 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 to all parties involved. The board or council's decision will be the final district decision.

Step 6: Discipline/Corrective Action

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

Corrective measures for a student who commits an act of harassment, intimidation or bullying 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.

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

If staff have been found to be in violation of this policy and procedure, school districts may impose employment disciplinary action, up to and including termination. If a certificated educator is found to have committed a violation of WAC 181-87, commonly called the Code of Conduct for Professional Educators, OSPI's Office of Professional Practices may propose disciplinary action on a certificate, up to and including revocation. Contractor violations of this policy may include the loss of contracts.

Step 7: Support for the Targeted Student

Persons found to have been subjected to harassment, intimidation or bullying 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.

I. 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 harassment, intimidation or bullying. Retaliation is prohibited and will result in appropriate discipline.

J. Other Resources

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

- OSPI Equity and Civil Rights Office
360.725.6162
Email: equity@k12.wa.us
www.k12.wa.us/Equity/default.aspx
- Washington State Human Rights Commission
800.233.3247
www.hum.wa.gov/index.html

- 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: OEOinfo@gov.wa.gov
www.governor.wa.gov/oeo/default.asp
- OSPI Safety Center
360.725-6044
www.k12.wa.us/SafetyCenter/BullyingHarassment/default.aspx

K. Other District Policies and Procedures

Nothing in this policy or procedure is intended to prohibit discipline or remedial action for inappropriate behaviors that do not rise to the level of harassment, intimidation or bullying as defined herein, but which are, or may be, prohibited by other district or school rules.

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