

DATING VIOLENCE AND RELATED MISCONDUCT

North Bend Central Public Schools strives to provide physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all students and staff. Positive behaviors (non-violence, cooperation, teamwork, understanding and acceptance of others) are encouraged in the educational program and are required of all students and staff. Inappropriate behaviors, including but not limited to, dating violence, will not be tolerated and must be avoided by all students and staff.

In accordance with Nebraska law, the North Bend Central Public Schools (NBCPS) Board of Education hereby prohibits acts of dating violence and related misconduct. This policy is in effect while students or staff are on school property, while in school-owned or school-operated vehicles, while attending or engaged in school-sponsored activities whether at home or away from school grounds, and off school grounds when such acts are likely to have the effect of substantially disrupting the efficient and orderly operation of the schools. Dating violence and related misconduct by students, school employees, and volunteers will not be tolerated.

Pursuant to Section 79-2,140, the Legislature has defined (a) "dating violence" to mean a pattern of behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control his or her dating partner; and (b) "dating partner" to mean any person, regardless of gender, involved in an intimate relationship with another person primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement whether casual, serious, or long term."

Dating violence training, as defined by Section 79-2,141(4,) shall be provided to staff deemed appropriate by the Superintendent or his/her designee. Such training shall include, but not be limited to, basic awareness of dating violence, warning signs of dating violence, and the school district's dating violence policy.

In addition, age-appropriate dating violence education shall be incorporated into the school program. Dating violence education shall include, but not be limited to, defining dating violence, recognizing dating violence warning signs, and identifying characteristics of healthy dating relationships.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will be responsible for reviewing the school district's rules and regulations as outlined in the Student Handbooks to insure that this policy is reflected therein. Parents/guardians of the district's

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students shall be informed of this policy and copies of this policy shall be made available to parents upon request.

Legal Reference: Sec. 79-2,138-2,142 (The Lindsay Ann Burke Act), RRS.

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