

EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DATING VIOLENCE

ADOPTED: April 16, 2012

REVISED: January 25, 2016

252. DATING VIOLENCE	
1. Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe, positive learning environment for all students that is free from dating violence. Dating violence is inconsistent with the educational goals of the district and is prohibited at all times.
2. Definitions SC 1553	Dating Partner shall mean a 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.
SC 1553	Dating Violence shall mean behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse to control the person's dating partner.
3. Authority	The Board encourages students who have been subjected to dating violence to promptly report such incidents.
Pol. 218	The district shall investigate promptly all complaints of dating violence and shall administer appropriate discipline to any student who violates this policy.
4. Guidelines	<u>Complaint Procedure</u>
SC 1553	When a student believes that s/he has been subject to dating violence, the student is encouraged to promptly report the incident, orally or in writing, to the building principal, guidance counselor or classroom teacher. The building principal shall conduct a timely, impartial, and comprehensive investigation of the alleged dating violence. The building principal shall prepare a written report summarizing the investigation and recommending disposition of the complaint. The complainant and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of the investigation.

252. DATING VIOLENCE - Pg. 2

<p>SC 1553 Pol. 218</p>	<p>If the investigation results in a substantiated finding of dating violence, the building principal shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action, as circumstances warrant, in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct.</p>
<p>Pol. 248</p>	<p>If a possible violation of the district’s harassment policy is implicated, the building principal shall take additional action as necessary to comply with Board policy and state and federal law and regulations.</p>
<p>SC 1553</p>	<p>The district shall document the corrective action taken and, where not prohibited by law, inform the complainant.</p> <p>This policy on dating violence shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Published in the Code of Student Conduct. 2. Published in the Student Handbook. 3. Made available on the district’s website, if available. 4. Provided to parents/guardians.
<p>SC 1553</p>	<p><u>Dating Violence Training</u></p> <p>The district may provide dating violence training to guidance counselors, nurses, and mental health staff at the high school as deemed necessary. At the discretion of the Superintendent, parents/guardians and other staff may also receive training on dating violence.</p>
<p>SC 1553 71 P.S. Sec. 611.13</p>	<p><u>Dating Violence Education</u></p> <p>The district may incorporate age-appropriate dating violence education into the annual health curriculum framework for students in grades nine through twelve. The district shall consult with at least one (1) local domestic violence program or rape crisis program when developing the educational program.</p>
<p>SC 1553 Pol. 105.1</p>	<p>A parent/guardian of a student under the age of eighteen (18) shall be permitted to examine the instructional materials for the dating violence education program.</p>
<p>SC 1553 Pol. 105.2</p>	<p>At the request of the parent/guardian, the student may be excused from all or part of the dating violence education program.</p>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1553

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.12

Domestic Violence and Rape Victims Services – 71 P.S. Sec. 611.13

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g

Board Policy – 105.1, 105.2, 218, 248