

Board Policy

Hate Motivated Behavior

GCCS

BP 5145.9

Students

The Governing Board is committed to providing a respectful, inclusive, and safe learning environment that protects students from discrimination, harassment, intimidation, bullying, or any other type of behavior that is motivated by hate.

Hate-motivated behavior is any behavior intended to cause emotional suffering, physical injury, or property damage through intimidation, harassment, bigoted slurs or epithets, force or threat of force, or vandalism motivated in part or in whole by bias or hostility toward the victim's real or perceived race, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, ethnicity, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55.

Hate-motivated behavior may be addressed with strategies to promote harmonious relationships among students, prevent incidents of hate-motivated behavior to the extent possible, and timely response to such incidents if they occur.

The Governing Board supports collaboration with regional programs and community organizations to promote an environment where diversity is celebrated and hate-motivated behavior is not tolerated. Such collaborative efforts shall focus on the development of effective prevention strategies and response plans, provision of assistance to students affected by hate-motivated behavior, and/or education of students who have perpetrated hate-motivated acts.

The Grizzly Challenge Charter School (GCCS) shall provide students with age-appropriate instruction that:

1. Includes the development of social-emotional learning
2. Promotes an understanding, awareness, appreciation, and respect for human rights, human relations, diversity, and acceptance in a multicultural society
3. Explains the harm and dangers of explicit and implicit biases
4. Discourages discriminatory attitudes and practices
5. Provides strategies to manage conflicts constructively

As necessary, counseling, guidance, and support shall be provided to students who are victims of hate-motivated behavior and to students who exhibit such behavior.

When appropriate, students who engage in hate-motivated behavior shall be disciplined.

Any training provided by GCCS for staff who serve students in grades 7-12 should:

1. Promote an understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion
2. Discourage the development of discriminatory attitudes and practices
3. Include social-emotional learning and nondiscriminatory instructional and counseling methods
4. Support the prevention, recognition, and response to hate-motivated behavior
5. Raise the awareness and sensitivity of staff to potentially prejudicial and discriminatory behavior
6. Include effective enforcement of rules for appropriate student conduct

Any rules prepared by GCCS prohibiting hate-motivated behavior and procedures for reporting a hate-motivated incident shall be provided to students, staff, and parents/guardians.

This policy shall be posted in a prominent location on GCCS's website in a manner that is readily and easily accessible to parents/guardians and students. (Education Code 234.6)

Complaints

The Principal or designee is responsible for ensuring that any staff member who is notified that hate-motivated behavior has occurred, observes such behavior, or otherwise becomes aware of an incident immediately contacts the compliance officer responsible for coordinating GCCS's response to complaints and complying with state and federal civil rights laws.

A student or parent/guardian who believes the student is a victim of hate-motivated behavior is encouraged to report the incident to a teacher, the principal, the COE's compliance officer, or other staff member.

Any complaint of hate-motivated behavior shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, shall be resolved in accordance with law and GCCS's uniform complaint procedures specified in BP 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures or other applicable procedure.

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination

11135 Nondiscrimination in programs or activities funded by state
32282 School safety plans
48900.3 Suspension for hate violence
48900.4 Suspension or expulsion for threats or harassment
PENAL CODE
422.55 Definition of hate crime
422.6 Crimes, harassment
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
4600-4670 Uniform complaint procedures
4900-4965 Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 28
35.107 Nondiscrimination on basis of disability; complaints
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34
100.3 Prohibition of discrimination on basis of race, color or national origin
104.7 Designation of responsible employee for Section 504
106.30 Discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs and activities
106.45 Grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment
106.8 Designation of responsible employee for Title IX
110.25 Prohibition of discrimination based on age

Management Resources:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

Bullying at School, 2003

CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

Promoting a Safe and Secure Learning Environment for All: Guidance and Model Policies to Assist California K-12 Schools in Responding to Immigration Issues, April 2018

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Dear Colleague Letter: Harassment and Bullying, October 2010

Dear Colleague Letter: Prohibited Disability Harassment, July 2000

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Association of Human Relations Organizations: <http://www.cahro.org> California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Office of the Attorney General: <http://oag.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>

U.S. Department of Justice: <http://www.justice.gov>

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