

# Mt. Diablo USD

## Board Policy

### Hate-Motivated Behavior

BP 5145.9

#### Students

The Governing Board affirms the right of every student to be protected from hate-motivated behavior. It is the intent of the Board to promote harmonious relationships that enable students to gain a true understanding of the civil rights and social responsibilities of people in our society. Behavior or statements that degrade an individual on the basis of real or perceived ethnicity, national origin, immigrant status, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religious belief or practices, age, disability, or any other physical or cultural characteristic ~~his/her race, ethnicity, culture, heritage, gender, sexual orientation, physical/mental attributes, religious beliefs or practices~~ shall not be tolerated.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)

(cf. 3515.1 - Crime Data Reporting)

(cf. 3515.4 - Recovery for Property Loss or Damage)

(cf. 5131.5 - Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti)

(cf. 5136 - Gangs)

(cf. 5137 - Positive School Climate)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 6141.6 - Multicultural Education)

Any student who feels that he/she is a victim of hate-motivated behavior shall immediately contact the principal or designee. If the student believes that the situation has not been remedied by the principal or designee, he/she may file a complaint in accordance with district complaint procedures.

(cf. 1312.1 - Complaints Concerning District Employees)

(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)

Staff who receive notice of hate-motivated behavior or personally observe such behavior shall notify the principal, Superintendent or designee, and law enforcement, as appropriate. Students demonstrating hate-motivated behavior shall be subject to discipline in accordance with Board policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 3515.3 - District Police/Security Department)

(cf. 4158/4258/4358 - Employee Security)

(cf. 5144 - Discipline)

(cf. 5144.1 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. 5144.2 - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

In addition, the district shall provide counseling and appropriate sensitivity training and diversity education for students exhibiting hate-motivated behavior. The district shall also provide counseling, guidance and support, as necessary, to those students who are the victims of hate-motivated behavior.

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff receive appropriate training to recognize hate-motivated behavior and methods for handling such behavior in appropriate ways.

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4231 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4331 - Staff Development)

The district shall provide age-appropriate instruction to help promote understanding of and respect for human rights.

At the beginning of each school year, students and staff shall receive a copy of the district's policy on hate-motivated behavior.

**Legal Reference:**

**EDUCATION CODE**

200-262 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

48900.3 Suspension for hate violence

**PENAL CODE**

186.21 Street terrorism; legislative findings and declarations

422.6-422.95 Civil Rights

11410-11414 Terrorism

13023 Reports by law enforcement of crimes motivated by race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability

13519.6 Hate crimes, training courses and guidelines

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 18**

245 Federally protected activities

**Management Resources:**

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

Protecting Our Schools: Governing Board Strategies to Combat School Violence, 1995

**ALAMEDA OFFICE OF EDUCATION & CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

Hate-Motivated Behavior in Schools: Response Strategies for School Boards, Administrators, Law Enforcement and Communities, 1997

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS & NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL PUBLICATIONS**

Protecting Students from Harassment and Hate Crime: A Guide for Schools, 1999  
WEB SITES

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Association of Human Relations Organizations: <http://www.cahro.org>

United States Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights:

<http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR/index.html>

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