

**HATE-MOTIVATED BEHAVIOR**

The Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Office of Education affirm the right of every student to be protected from hate-motivated behavior. It is the intent of the County Office 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 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. 3515.4 - 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 site administrator or designee. If the student believes that the situation has not been remedied by the site administrator or designee, he/she may file a complaint in accordance with County Office 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 site administrator, County Superintendent or designee, and law enforcement, as appropriate. Students demonstrating hate-motivated behavior shall be subject to discipline in accordance with County Office 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 County Office shall provide counseling and appropriate sensitivity training and diversity education for students exhibiting hate-motivated behavior. The County Office 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)*

**HATE-MOTIVATED BEHAVIOR** (continued)

The County 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 County Office 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 County Office's policy on hate-motivated behavior.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex

48900.3 Suspension for hate violence

PENAL CODE

186.21 Street terrorism; legislative findings and declarations

422.55-422.86 Hate Crimes

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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