



Louisiana Teen Dating Violence Sample Policy Student Handbook

Teen Dating Violence

Teen Dating Violence is defined as the physical, sexual, psychological, or emotional violence within a dating relationship, including stalking. It can occur in person or electronically and might occur between a current or former dating partner. Several different words are used to describe teen dating violence.

Below are just a few.

- Relationship abuse
- Intimate partner violence
- Relationship violence
- Dating abuse
- Domestic abuse
- Domestic violence

Warning Signs:

These warning signs do not mean a relationship will definitely turn violent. However, if you notice several of them in your relationship or partner, you may need to re-evaluate your dating relationship. These warning signs include:

- Excessive jealousy
- Constantly checking in with you or making you check in with him or her
- Attempts to isolate you from friends and family
- Insulting or putting down people you care about
- Is too serious about the relationship too quickly
- Has had a lot of bad prior relationships, and blames all of the problems on the previous partners
- Is very controlling, which may include giving you orders, telling you what to wear and trying to make all of the decisions for you
- Blames you when he or she treats you badly by telling you all of the ways you provoked him or her
- Does not take responsibility for own actions
- Has an explosive temper
- Pressures you into sexual activity you are not comfortable with
- Checking cell phones, emails or social networks without permission

Reporting Teen Dating Violence:

All allegations of teen dating violence shall be reported to school administrators, school counselor, school nurse or other faculty members. A student complaint process will be instituted to allow students to file complaints about incidents or threats that may not have been witnessed or reported by others. Once an allegation is initiated and a confidential file is started the parent/legal guardian will be contacted of both the victim and the perpetrator. A report should be submitted to a **local or state law enforcement agency**.

