



East Hampton Public Schools Report of Harassment

Policy Statement:

It is the policy of the Board of Education that any form of harassment is forbidden whether by students, supervisory or non-supervisory personnel, individuals under contract, or volunteers subject to the control of the Board. Students and adults associated with or employed by the East Hampton Public Schools are expected and required to adhere to a standard of conduct that is respectful and courteous to all employees, to all students, and to the public.

Harassment is defined as intimidation or abusive behavior (including bullying behavior) toward a student or employee based on either their class or perceived class that creates a hostile environment by interfering with or denying a student's or employee's participation in or receipt of benefits, services, or opportunities in the institution's program.

Harassment creates a hostile environment when the conduct is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to interfere with/limit a student's or employee's ability to participate in/benefit from the school's services, activities, or opportunities.

Complaint Procedure:

A student, employee, or third party who believes he/she has been the subject of conduct that constitutes a violation of the above policy is encouraged to report the incident immediately to the building Principal, designee, or immediate supervisor.

1. The complainant submits the report of harassment form available in the school offices. Reports may be made verbally and/or anonymously; however, the ability to respond on the part of the school district may be limited as a result of an anonymous report.
2. A copy of the complaint shall be forwarded by the school office to the Title IX Coordinator, who will be identified to all students and school employees annually.
3. If possible, within five (5) working days of receipt of the complaint, the Title IX Coordinator (or designee) shall commence an effective, thorough, objective, and complete investigation of the complaint. The investigator shall consult with all individuals reasonably believed to have relevant information. Other information and materials relevant to the investigation may also be evaluated.
4. The Title IX Coordinator (or designee) will make a written report to the Superintendent including a summary of the investigation, a determination of whether the complaint has been substantiated as factual and whether it is a violation of this policy. A recommended disposition of the complaint will also be included.
5. If the investigation results in a finding that the complaint is factual and constitutes a violation of this policy, the District shall take prompt, corrective action to ensure that such conduct ceases and will not reoccur.

Appeals Procedure:

The complainant, if not satisfied with a finding of no violation of the policy or with the corrective action recommended in the investigative report, may submit a written appeal to the Title IX Coordinator or Superintendent within fifteen (15) days.

