

**STUDENT HARASSMENT POLICY**

It is the policy of LEARN to maintain a learning and working environment which is free of any form of harassment. This policy has application at all levels of student to student contact. All harassing behaviors are strongly prohibited including those based on, but not limited to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex/gender, disability, sexual orientation and religion. LEARN will provide students and families with printed copies of this policy, procedures, and the compliance process on an annual basis.

It shall be violation of this policy for any student to harass a student or others through any inappropriate, violent or nonviolent, conduct or communication. It shall be a violation of this policy for any student to inflict, threaten to inflict, or attempt to inflict harm upon any student or others related to race, color, national origin, ethnicity, sex, gender, disability, sexual orientation and/or religion.

LEARN will act to investigate and resolve all complaints, either formal or informal, verbal or written, of such harassment or perceived harassment and will discipline or take appropriate action against any student who is found to be in violation of this policy.

Harassment consists of physical or verbal conduct which is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent so as to interfere with, or limit the ability of an individual to participate in, or benefit from LEARN's programs and activities, and which is related to an individual's race, color, national origin, ethnicity, religion, disability, sex/gender or sexual orientation. Sexual harassment consists of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature.

It is the expressed policy of the LEARN Board of Directors to encourage victims of harassment to report such claims. Any student or parent/guardian of a student who believes that the student has been the victim of harassment, or has questions about this issue, should seek the help of the LEARN administrator(s) or an adult whom they trust, such as a teacher, counselor, nurse or psychologist. The LEARN administrator or designee shall be advised of the concern immediately and will report to the Executive Director.

Legal References: Title IX of the Educational Amendment of 1972, with regulations at 34 CRF 106, as amended.

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000e.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Policy Guidance on Current Issues of Sexual Harassment, effective March 19, 1990 (N-915.050)

Connecticut General Statutes 46a-60, et seq.

Constitution of the State of Connecticut, Article 1, Section 20

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