Prevention-

- annual professional development for administrators and staff
- Classroom guidance lessons
- Anti-bullying and anti harassment programs

Intervention/Remediation-

- Annual professional development
- Education/intervention for students exhibiting harassing and bullying behaviors
- Utilizing student support staff members

<u>Consequences-</u> (Standard Disciplinary Procedures (Policy 8410)

Notice

Superintendent or designee is responsible for providing effective notice to students, parents/guardians and employees of procedures for reporting and investigating complaints by:

- Student handbooks
- School system website(www.nhcs.net)
- School websites
- Local media
- Brochures or handbooks

For more on this policy; visit: www.nhcs.net

What if you get no satisfactory response to your complaint?

Contact one of us!

Karen Clay Beatty:

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George Vlasits:

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Deborah Maxwell:

910-264-5643

Parents' Council on Facebook:

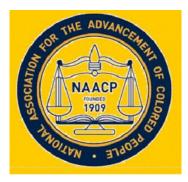
facebook.com/groups/521858994541181

Parents' Council Online:

naacpparentscouncil.org

New Hanover County NAACP

Wilmington, N.C. 28402



Bullying and Harassment

A PARENT'S GUIDE



Prepared by New Hanover County NAACP Parents' Council

Information adopted in part from New Hanover County Schools Prohibition Against Harassment and Bullying by Students --- Policy: 8307 Policy:8307

The New Hanover County Board of Education believes that all employees, students and their parents/families should be free of harassment and bullying as part of a safe, orderly, caring and inviting working and learning environment.

The Board expressly prohibits harassment or bullying of students, employees and their parents/families, by students.

Policy applies:

- While in any school building, or school property, before, during or after hours
- While on any bus or other vehicle as part of school activity
- While waiting at any bus stop
- During any school function, extracurricular activity, or school sponsored function
- When subject to authority of school personnel
- During any time, at any place or using any method of communication, including but not limited electronic communications

"Harassment" or Bullying"- (defined by New Han.Co. Schools)- acts reasonably perceived as being motivated by any actual or perceived differentiating characteristic (i.e. race, ethnicity, ancestry, color, origin, gender, socioeconomic status, academic status, gender identity, physical appearance, sexual orientation, pregnancy, religion, age, mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability), constituting a pattern of gestures or written, electronic or verbal communications, or physical act or any threatening communication that takes place on school property.



"Sexual Harassment" – (defined by New Han.Co. Schools)- when committed by a student, is conduct of a sexual nature when such conduct is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive so that it has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an employee's work or performance, or a student's educational performance.

Harrassment or Bullying Complaint Procedures

Students, Parents/guardians, School Employees, Volunteers, Visitors or others...

...may initiate an investigation into harassment or bullying by a student.

Employees who believe or suspect a student or employee has been harassed or bullied, shall report information to the principal, using the Discrimination, Harassment, or Bullying Reporting Form SS-A-007:

http://www.nhcs.net/forms.htm

Persons other than employees are not required to use reporting form, but encouraged to do so.

Complaints may be made anonymously, **except employees** must sign reporting form.

Where to find forms

School's main (front) office Counselor's Office Website: www.nhcs.net/forms Beginning of year packets

Step 1: Report (to teachers, counselors, social workers, parents/guardians, principals)

Step 2: Complete reporting form

Step 3: Principal Investigates (using the Discrimination, Harassment or Bullying incident Investigation Form within two(2) school days after receiving reporting form)- in accordance with procedures in Policy 8410, Student Discipline Policies, Rules and Procedures

Step 4: Principal notifies alleged victim, or parent/guardian if victim is a student, and implements appropriate followup.