

MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: DATING VIOLENCE

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	252. DATING VIOLENCE
1. Purpose	The Executive Council strives to provide a safe, positive learning environment for all students free from dating violence. Dating violence is inconsistent with the educational goals of the school and is prohibited at all times.
2. Definitions SC 1553	Dating Partner shall mean a person, regardless of gender, currently or previously, involved in an intimate relationship with another person, primarily characterized by the expectation of affectionate involvement, whether casual, serious or long-term.
SC 1553	Dating Violence shall mean behavior where one person uses threats of, or actually uses, physical, sexual, verbal or emotional abuse to control the person’s dating partner.
3. Authority	The Executive Council encourages students who have been subjected to dating violence to promptly report such incidents.
Pol. 218	The school shall investigate promptly all complaints of dating violence and shall administer appropriate discipline to any student who violates this policy.
4. Guidelines	<p><u>Complaint Procedure</u></p> <p>When a student believes that s/he has been subject to dating violence, the student is encouraged to promptly report the incident orally, then in writing, to one of the following school personnel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assistant Director. 2. CTE Supervisor. 3. Guidance counselor. <p>The student will sign the written version of the oral complaint to verify that it is accurate and that there is a record of a complaint.</p> <p>The Assistant Director shall conduct a timely, impartial, and comprehensive investigation of the alleged dating violence.</p>

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SC 1553	The Assistant Director shall prepare a written report summarizing the investigation and recommending disposition of the complaint. The complainant and the accused shall be informed of the outcome of the investigation.
SC 1553 Pol. 218	If the investigation results in a substantiated finding of dating violence, the Assistant Director shall recommend appropriate disciplinary action, as circumstances warrant, in accordance with the Student Handbook and Parent Guide.
Pol. 248	If a possible violation of the school's harassment policy is implicated, the Assistant Director shall take additional action as necessary to adhere to all state laws for mandatory reporting of child abuse and comply with Executive Council policy and state and federal law and regulations.
SC 1553	The school shall document the corrective action taken and, where not prohibited by law, inform the complainant. This policy on dating violence shall be:
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Published in the Student Handbook and Parent Guide.2. Made available on the school's website.3. Provided to parents/guardians.
SC 1553	<u>Dating Violence Training</u> The school may provide dating violence training to staff as deemed necessary. At the discretion of the Director, parents/guardians and other staff may also receive training on dating violence.
SC 1553 71 P.S. Sec. 611.13	<u>Dating Violence Education</u> The school may incorporate age-appropriate dating violence education through consultation with a local domestic violence program or rape crisis program.
SC 1553	A parent/guardian of a student under the age of eighteen (18) shall be permitted to examine the instructional materials for the dating violence education program.
SC 1553	At the request of the parent/guardian, the student may be excused from all or part of the dating violence education program.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1553

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.12

Domestic Violence and Rape Victims Services – 71 P.S. Sec. 611.13

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act – 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g

Executive Council Policy – 218, 248