



Policy Language

Upon recommendation of the Ohio Department of Education, the current **Anti-Harassment, Anti-Intimidation, or Anti-Bullying Model Policy** should be updated to include dating violence. An example of language placement is:

“It is the policy of the Board of Education that any form of bullying behavior, **including violence within a dating relationship**, whether in the classroom, on school property, to and from school or at school-sponsored events, is expressly forbidden.”

Included in a schools current policy are definitions of bullying behavior. It is recommended that a definition of dating violence be included in the policy. Suggested definition is as follows:

Dating Violence is the physical, sexual or psychological/emotional violence – deliberate or repeated behaviors or actions that are unwelcome, harmful, hostile, offensive or degrading to the recipient and that occurs within a dating relationship.

To review the Ohio Department of Educations current Model Policy on bullying please visit www.ode.state.oh.us and follow the “Learning Support” link to “Safe and Supporting Learning.” The policy is listed there. Or follow this link directly:

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?Page=3&TopicRelationID=431&Content=82201>