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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](http://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>