

Cases: Bullying

Reported known incidents to appropriate administrators

Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139.

Responded to each allegation promptly

Wachusett (MA) Regional Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Boston (Mass.), 01-04-1174, Nov. 22, 2004, 45 IDELR 22; Las Virgenes (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1469, Mar. 8, 2007, 49 IDELR 231

Investigated the incident

Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139; Philadelphia (PA) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Philadelphia (Pa.), 03-06-1017, Apr. 13, 2006, 46 IDELR 169; Los Angeles (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1117, July 28, 2006, 46 IDELR 198; Las Virgenes (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1469, Mar. 8, 2007, 49 IDELR 231.

Notified the parents of the school's investigation findings & the basis thereof

Philadelphia (PA) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Philadelphia (Pa.), 03-06-1017, Apr. 13, 2006, 46 IDELR 169; Los Angeles (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1117, July 28, 2006, 46 IDELR 198.

Notified parents of their right to grievance procedures under Section 504

Greenport (NY) Union Free Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, New York (N.Y.), 02-08-1056, May 12, 2008, 50 IDELR 290; Wachusett (MA) Regional Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Boston (Mass.), 01-04-1174, Nov. 22, 2004, 45 IDELR 22; Palm Beach County (FL) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, Atlanta (Fla.), 04-94-1693, Apr. 5, 1995, 22 IDELR 893

Followed school grievance procedures

Melrose (MA) Pub. Sch., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Boston (Massachusetts), 01-08-1078, July 24, 2008, 51 IDELR 285.

Notified the parents of Section 504 procedural safeguards

Leon County (FL) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, Atlanta (Fla.), 04-07-1346, Dec. 18, 2007, 50 IDELR 172; Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139.

Included the Section 504 procedural safeguards in the student handbook

Elkhart (KS) Unif. Sch. Dist. 218, Office for Civil Rights, Midwestern Division, Kansas City (Kan.), 07-07-1175, Mar. 26, 2008, 51 IDELR 51

Identified the school Section 504 Coordinator

Garfield (NJ) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, New York (New Jersey), 02-91-1080, October 30, 1991, 18 IDELR 545; Cleburne (TX) Indep. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, Dallas (Tex.), 06-93-1260, Nov. 26, 1993, 20 IDELR 1407

Convened a IEP meeting

Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139.

Adopted a school-wide policy that addresses indirect bullying (e.g., rumor spreading, isolation, social exclusion), and direct bullying (e.g., physical aggression)

Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem-Specific Guide Series, Guide No. 12: Bullying in Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (2009).

Trained personnel and students on appropriate responses to bullying incidents

Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem-Specific Guide Series, Guide No. 12: Bullying in Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (2009).

Educate parents on the problem of bullying, prevention, and response

Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem-Specific Guide Series, Guide No. 12: Bullying in Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (2009).

Reduced the amount of time students spend unsupervised

Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem-Specific Guide Series, Guide No. 12: Bullying in Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (2009).

ANTI-BULLYING CULTURE

Trained administrators & staff to recognize bullying and harassment

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Report of the Health Resources & Services Administration, *"Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention"*, available at http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/SBN_Tip_23.pdf; Los Angeles (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1117, July 28, 2006, 46 IDELR 198.

Provided school assemblies / instruction on bullying

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Report of the Health Resources & Services Administration, *“Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention”*, available at http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/SBN_Tip_23.pdf

Addressed bullying in classroom intervention settings

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Report of the Health Resources & Services Administration, *“Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention”*, available at http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/SBN_Tip_23.pdf

Conducted a school “bullying assessment”

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Report of the Health Resources & Services Administration, *“Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention”*, available at http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/SBN_Tip_23.pdf

Formed a “bullying prevention coordination team” at school

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Report of the Health Resources & Services Administration, *“Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention”*, available at http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/SBN_Tip_23.pdf

Include language specifically identifying “bullying” in the school rules

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Report of the Health Resources & Services Administration, *“Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention”*, available at http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/SBN_Tip_23.pdf

Developed strategies to prevent bullying in “hot spots”

U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, Report of the Health Resources & Services Administration, *“Best Practices in Bullying Prevention and Intervention”*, available at http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/SBN_Tip_23.pdf; Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem-Specific Guide Series, Guide No. 12: Bullying in Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (2009).

Posted signs in classrooms prohibiting bullying & listing its consequences

Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem-Specific Guide Series, Guide No. 12: Bullying in Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (2009).

Published anti-harassment statements widely to the school community

U.S. Dept. of Education, *Memorandum re: Harassment based on disability*, July 25, 2000, 102 LRP 12739.

Encourage students to help classmates who are being bullied & to report bullying

Problem-Oriented Guides for Police, Problem-Specific Guide Series, Guide No. 12: Bullying in Schools, U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (2009).

RESPONSE TO INCIDENTS

Responded to each allegation promptly

Wachusett (MA) Regional Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Boston (Mass.), 01-04-1174, Nov. 22, 2004, 45 IDELR 22; Las Virgenes (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1469, Mar. 8, 2007, 49 IDELR 231

Interviewed the student and the perpetrator

S.S. v. Eastern Ky. Univ., 532 F.3d 445 (6th Cir. 2008).

Taken action against the perpetrators

Philadelphia (PA) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Philadelphia (Pa.), 03-06-1017, Apr. 13, 2006, 46 IDELR 169; Wachusett (MA) Regional Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Boston (Mass.), 01-04-1174, Nov. 22, 2004, 45 IDELR 22.

Removed the perpetrator from the class

Suwannee County (FL) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, Atlanta (Fla.), 04-07-1121, Sept. 21, 2007, 108 LRP 22095.

Took action to prevent future incidents

Wachusett (MA) Regional Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Boston (Mass.), 01-04-1174, Nov. 22, 2004, 45 IDELR 22; Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139.

Offered to transfer the student or to a different class

Florence County (SC) #2 Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, D.C., 11-06-1078, July 10, 2006, 46 IDELR 226.

Offered counseling for the student victim

Florence County (SC) #2 Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, D.C., 11-06-1078, July 10, 2006, 46 IDELR 226.

Notified the parents of Section 504 procedural safeguards

Leon County (FL) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, Atlanta (Fla.), 04-07-1346, Dec. 18, 2007, 50 IDELR 172; Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139.

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Offered the student a 1:1 aide

Emily Z. v. Mt. Lebanon Sch. Dist., No. 06-442, (W.D. Pa. Oct. 24, 2007), 49 IDELR 10

Offered social skills training to the student & the student's class

Emily Z. v. Mt. Lebanon Sch. Dist., No. 06-442, (W.D. Pa. Oct. 24, 2007), 49 IDELR 10

Convened a IEP meeting

Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139.

Used monitoring programs to oversee resolved incidents

U.S. Dept. of Education, *Memorandum re: Harassment based on disability*, July 25, 2000, 102 LRP 12739.

Hired a temporary paraprofessional to monitor the perpetrator after the incident

Suwannee County (FL) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, Atlanta (Fla.), 04-07-1121, Sept. 21, 2007, 108 LRP 22095.

Performed a psychological evaluation of the student victim after the incident

Suwannee County (FL) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Southern Division, Atlanta (Fla.), 04-07-1121, Sept. 21, 2007, 108 LRP 22095.

Investigated the incident

Fairfield-Suisun (CA) Unit. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-08-1128, Aug. 28, 2008, 51 IDELR 139; Philadelphia (PA) Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Eastern Division, Philadelphia (Pa.), 03-06-1017, Apr. 13, 2006, 46 IDELR 169; Los Angeles (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1117, July 28, 2006, 46 IDELR 198; Las Virgenes (CA) Unif. Sch. Dist., Office for Civil Rights, Western Division, San Francisco (Cal.), 09-06-1469, Mar. 8, 2007, 49 IDELR 231.

Offered counseling to the perpetrator

U.S. Dept. of Education, *Memorandum re: Harassment based on disability*, July 25, 2000, 102 LRP 12739.

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