



Notice
July 29, 2011

Dennis M. Walcott
Chancellor

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION OF THE CHANCELLOR

Number: A-831

Subject: STUDENT-TO-STUDENT SEXUAL HARASSMENT

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

Chancellor's Regulation A-831 amends the prior version of the Regulation, dated December 9, 2008. The amendments to the Regulation are summarized as follows:

- Student-to-student sexual harassment is prohibited in school, during school hours, before or after school, while on school property, at school sponsored events or while traveling on vehicles funded by the Department of Education and on other than school property when it can be demonstrated to negatively affect the educational process or to endanger the health, safety, morality or welfare of the school community. (p. 1)
- Student-to-student sexual harassment may take many forms and can be physical, verbal or written. It provides that written harassment include electronically transmitted activities. (p.1, Section 1(B))
- Examples of sexually harassing behavior include stalking, dating abuse and electronically posting, displaying or distributing sexually oriented or suggestive objects, pictures, drawings or images. (p. 1, Section 1(C))
- Non-party students may report allegations of student-to-student sexual harassment to the designated staff member or any other employee and such reports must be handled pursuant to the procedures in this Regulation. (p.2, Section II (B))
- Parents may report peer sexual harassment to the principal or his/her designee or by e-mailing the RespectforAll@schools.nyc.gov. Such reports must be handled pursuant to the procedures in this Regulation. (p. 2, Section II (E))
- Complaints of sexual harassment must be entered into OORS within 24 hours. (p. 2, Section III (A))
- Each principal/designee must ensure that the policy and procedures set forth in this Regulation are discussed with students and staff members by October 31 of each year. (p. 4, Section V (C))

- Each principal must submit the following information by October 31, in its annual Consolidated School & Youth Development Plan: (1) the name(s) of the staff member(s) who are designated to receive reports of peer sexual harassment; and (2) certification that the policies and procedures set forth in this Regulation have been discussed with students and staff. (p. 4, Section VI)
- The sexual harassment brochure (Attachment No. 3) has been revised to include dating abuse as an example of prohibited behavior.
- Consistent with the Regulation, Attachment No. 2 provides that the prohibition against peer sexual harassment in school extends to certain harassment that occurs off school premises.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The full text of the amendments to the Regulation, and the Regulation in its entirety, can be found on the main page of the PEP website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/677619F4-CA6A-4793-AC86-74073D2FEFA4/108432/A831Redlined72218.pdf>

III. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item and to whom written or oral comments regarding the item under consideration can be submitted.

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IV. Date, time and place of the PEP meeting at which the Board will vote on the proposed item under consideration.

September 14, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. at The Michael Petrides School located at 715 Ocean Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301.