

Reporting or Accommodations When a Student Reports Teen Dating Abuse or Sexual Harassment

To provide the desired supports to a student who has experienced teen dating abuse or sexual harassment, please ask the following questions and provide the indicated referral to get them connected with the appropriate member of staff who can assist them through the next steps. If a student is seeking accommodations, but does not wish to file a report, she or he should be cautioned against telling the details of that story to a member of staff who cannot maintain the student's confidentiality.

Ask the student

How would you like for us to help you today?

Choice A: Are you seeking supports for yourself, but don't want us to address the student who is behaving abusively?

Choice B: Would you like to file a report about a student who is abusing or harassing you?

Choice A: Accommodations

This option means **that the school will not take action** to investigate or report the allegations unless they believe they constitute a serious threat to the safety of the student or the school community. Because accommodations don't address the behavior of the student using abuse, students choosing this option should recognize that the abuse may continue.

Accommodation supports may include:

- Changes to the student's school schedule/environment
- Safety planning
- Referrals for community supports

Students seeking accommodations should be referred to confidential staff member XXXXXXXX in room. XXXXX

Choice B: Reporting

This option means that school staff will investigate allegations of abuse, and where those reports are substantiated, will impose disciplinary consequences on the student behaving abusively.

This may include changes to the schedule or school environment of the student using abuse.

Students who choose the reporting option will also be provided with accommodations, safety planning and other desired supports and referrals.

Students who choose to make a report of abuse or harassment should be referred to the Teen Dating Abuse Advocate or Title IX Coordinator in room XXXXX.

Teen Dating Abuse and Sexual Harassment Reporting Options for Students

If you are experiencing teen dating abuse or sexual harassment, you have some choices about how you might tell your story and get the support to manage this experience. If you want to discuss each option, it's best to discuss your decision with school staff members who can keep your information confidential like the social worker, school nurse or counselor. If you choose to keep your report confidential or anonymous, you still have the option of making a formal report at a later time.

Choice A: Reporting

School staff will follow up on your report of abuse, and if they have enough information to show that the abuse happened, they will discipline the student(s) using abuse. To get information about the incident, they will likely talk with you and the accused student; they may talk with other witnesses.

Discipline may include changes to the schedule or school environment of the student using abuse.

If you choose the reporting option, you will also be provided with accommodations, safety planning and other desired supports and referrals.

If you would like to make a report of abuse or harassment please contact our school's Teen Dating Abuse Advocate or Title IX Coordinator in room XXXXX.

Choice B: Accommodations

You can get support and help with safety planning without seeking discipline for the student(s) who have used abuse.

The school will not take action to investigate your experience of abuse or harassment unless they believe that you or other students are at risk of future harm.

Accommodation supports may include:

- Changes to schedule/environment
- Safety planning
- Referrals for community supports

Because accommodations don't address the behavior of the student using abuse, please recognize that the abuse may continue.

Students seeking accommodations should speak with a confidential member of school staff in office XXXXX

Choice C: Anonymous Reporting

An anonymous report allows you to tell your story without giving any identifying information. The school provides forms for anonymous reports online and in the school building. With an anonymous report, you can give as much information as you want to. It may help you to feel better just by telling your story, but it's important to recognize that school staff probably won't be able to discipline students using abuse on the basis of an anonymous report alone.

You might want to get additional support and resources outside of school. You can get anonymous support from our local domestic violence agency XXXXXXXX or online from national agencies like

Love is Respect:

loveisrespect.org/get-help/contact-us