

SYOSSET CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL CLIMATE REPORTING

POLICY 5710

The Board of Education is committed to promoting and maintaining the safety of all students, staff and visitors to the schools. Consistent with this commitment and in accordance with state law and regulation, the School District shall submit an annual report to the Commissioner of Education regarding violent and disruptive incidents and material incidents of harassment/bullying/discrimination, as part of the New York State Education Department's School Safety and Educational Climate (SSEC) Summary Data Collection. In addition, the Board of Education will use this data to assess the safety of its schools and, where appropriate, identify and take steps to improve the safety, security and well-being of its students, staff and visitors.

Reporting Requirement

Each building principal is responsible for preparing a report of all the violent and disruptive incidents and material incidents of harassment/bullying/discrimination that have occurred on school grounds, at a school function, or at a school-sponsored event and forwarding the report to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is responsible for compiling the reports received from the Building Principals into the annual report and submitting the report to the Commissioner of Education. The summary report will contain all the information required by law and will be filed with the Commissioner of Education on or before a date set by the Commissioner of Education.

The Superintendent of Schools will present this summary report to the Board of Education at its first meeting following the filing of the report with the Commissioner of Education. Additionally, building principals are required to provide a regular report on data and trends related to harassment, bullying and/or discrimination to the Superintendent of Schools at least once during each school year. The School District will retain copies of each VADIR report, both individual and summary reports, until the youngest person involved in a reported incident is twenty-seven (27) years old.

Confidentiality

Any violent or disruptive incident report or harassment, bullying and discrimination prepared in accordance with law shall be available for inspection by the State Education Department upon request. All names and other personally identifiable information included in any report are confidential and must not be disclosed to any person for use by any person for purposes other than the reporting purposes in Education Law §2802, except as otherwise authorized by law.

Cross-ref: 0115 Anti Bullying Policy
5300 Code of Character, Support and Conduct
5500 Student Records

Ref: Education Law §2802
8 NYCRR §100.2(gg)
8 NYCRR §185.11 (Appendix I)

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