

## **DISCRIMINATION/SEXUAL HARASSMENT/RETALIATION REPORT FORM**

The Board declares it to be the policy of this district to provide a safe, positive learning and working environment that is free from sexual harassment, other discrimination and retaliation. If you have experienced, or if you have knowledge of, any such actions, we encourage you to complete this form. The Title IX Coordinator / Compliance Officer will be happy to support you by answering any questions about the report form, reviewing the report form for completion and assisting as necessary with completion of the report.

The Title IX Coordinator/Compliance Officer's contact information is:

Position: Director of Human Resources  
Address: 148 West 21st Street, Erie, PA 16502  
Email: [nfatica@eriesd.org](mailto:nfatica@eriesd.org)  
Phone Number: (814)874-6082

### **Retaliation Prohibited**

The district, its employees and others are prohibited from intimidating, threatening, coercing, or discriminating against you for making this report. Please contact the Title IX Coordinator / Compliance Officer immediately if you believe retaliation has occurred.

### **Confidentiality**

Confidentiality of all parties, witnesses, the allegations and the filing of a report shall be handled in accordance with Board policy, procedures, and the district's legal and investigative obligations. The school will take all reasonable steps to investigate and respond to the report, consistent with a request for confidentiality as long as doing so does not preclude the school from responding effectively to the report. If you have any questions regarding how the information contained in this report may be used, please discuss them with the Title IX Coordinator / Compliance Officer prior to filing the report. Once this report is filed, the district has an obligation to investigate the information provided.

*Note: For purposes of Title IX sexual harassment, this Report Form serves initially as an informal report, not a formal complaint of Sexual Harassment under Title IX.*

**I. Information About the Person Making This Report:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned School Building(s):

I am a:

Employee       Volunteer       Visitor

Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain relationship to the district)

If you are not the victim of the reported conduct, please identify the alleged victim:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The alleged victim is:

Another Employee       Student

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain relationship to the alleged victim)

**II. Information About the Person(s) You Believe is/are Responsible for the Harassment, Retaliation or Other Discrimination You are Reporting**

What is/are the name(s) of the individual(s) you believe is/are responsible for the conduct you are reporting?

Name(s):

**The reported individual(s) is/are:**

Student(s)       Employee(s)

Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain relationship to the district)

**III. Description of the Conduct You are Reporting**

In your own words, please do your best to describe the conduct you are reporting as clearly as possible. Please attach additional pages if necessary:

When did the reported conduct occur? (Please provide the specific date(s) and time(s) if possible):

Where did the reported conduct take place?

Please provide the name(s) of any person(s) who was/were present, even if for only part of the time.

Please provide the name(s) of any other person(s) that may have knowledge or related information surrounding the reported conduct.

Have you reported this conduct to any other individual prior to giving this report?

Yes       No

If yes, who did you tell about it?

If you are the victim of the reported conduct, how has this affected you?

I certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information provided herein is subject to penalties contained in 18 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Signature of Person Making the Report

Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Received By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**

*This section is to be completed by the Title IX Coordinator based on reviewing the report with the complainant or other individual making the report.*

*The purpose of this form is to assist the Title IX Coordinator in gathering information necessary to properly assess the circumstances surrounding the reported conduct to determine if the allegations fall under the definition of Title IX sexual harassment or if the matter merits review and action under other Board policies. The Title IX Coordinator shall gather as much information as possible in cases of incomplete or anonymous reports (including those that may be received through the Safe2Say Something program) to assess the report.*

*Upon receipt of the report, The Title IX Coordinator shall promptly contact the complainant regarding the report to gather additional information as necessary, and to discuss the availability of supportive measures as described in Policy 104 and Attachment 3. The Title IX Coordinator shall consider the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures.*

**I. Reporter Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned School Building(s):

Reporter is a:

- Employee       Volunteer       Visitor  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain relationship to the district)

If the reporter is not the victim of the reported conduct, please identify the alleged victim:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The alleged victim is:

- Another Employee    Student  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain relationship to the alleged victim)

## II. Respondent Information

Please provide the name(s) of the individual(s) believed to have conducted the reported violation:

Name(s):

**The reported respondent(s) is/are:**

- Student(s)       Employee(s)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please explain relationship to the district)

## III. Level of Report:

- Informal       Formal (see additional information below on Title IX formal complaints)

## IV. Type of Report:

- Title IX Sexual Harassment  Discrimination  Retaliation

**Other Nature of the Report (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Race                | <input type="checkbox"/> Age                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Color               | <input type="checkbox"/> Creed               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion            | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Orientation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual Harassment   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Identity     | <input type="checkbox"/> Gender Expression   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Origin     | <input type="checkbox"/> Ancestry            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marital Status      | <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap/Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Genetic Information |

## V. Reported Conduct

Describe the reported conduct below, including specific actions, dates, times, locations and any other details necessary to properly assess the reported incident(s).

How often did the conduct occur?

Is it being repeated?  Yes  No

Do the circumstances involve a student identified as a student with a disability under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act? If yes, contact the Director of Special Education.

How has the conduct affected the alleged victim's ability to fully participate in the school's programs or activities in the course of school employment?

What is the alleged victim's relationship with the alleged respondent?

Insert names, descriptions, and/or contact information of individuals believed to have observed the conduct or who otherwise may have knowledge of the conduct and/or related circumstances.

Additional observations or evidence including pictures, texts, emails, video or other information submitted to the Title IX Coordinator.

## **VI. Safety Concerns**

Are there safety concerns that may require Emergency Removal or Administrative Leave of a respondent? (This requires an individualized safety and risk analysis as to whether there is an immediate threat to the physical health or safety of an individual.)

No.

Yes, please describe:

## VII. Other Reports

Has the conduct been reported to the police or any other agency?

No

Yes      Date reported: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

## VIII. Identification of Policies Implicated by Reported Conduct

Check all that apply:

- Policy 103. Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- Policy 104. Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
- Other

To meet the definition of Title IX sexual harassment, the conduct must have taken place during a district education program or activity involving a person in the United States. An **education program or activity** includes the locations, events or circumstances over which the district exercises substantial control over both the respondent and the context in which the sexual harassment occurs. Title IX applies to all of a district's education programs or activities, whether such programs or activities occur on-campus or off-campus.

Did the incident occur during a school program or activity involving a person in the United States?

Yes

No

To meet the definition of Title IX sexual harassment, the conduct needs to satisfy one or more of the following (please check all that apply):

- A district employee conditioning the provision of an aid, benefit, or district service on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct, commonly referred to as quid pro quo sexual harassment.
- Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to a district education program or activity.
- Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence or stalking.

**Dating violence** means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship is determined by the following factors:

- Length of relationship.
- Type of relationship.
- Frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Domestic violence** includes felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim, by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner, by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving federal funding, or by any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction.

**Sexual assault** means a sexual offense under a state or federal law that is classified as a forcible or nonforcible sex offense under the uniform crime reporting system of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**Stalking** means stalking on the basis of sex, for example when the stalker desires to date a victim. Stalking means to engage in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to either:

1. Fear for their safety or the safety of others.
2. Suffer substantial emotional distress.

## **IX. Recommended Course of Action**

After consultation with the complainant and consideration of the reported information, the Title IX Coordinator directs the report to proceed under the provisions of (check all that apply):

- No further action at this time. Reason:
- Policy 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff: Attachment 2 Discrimination Complaint Procedures (Reports not involving Title IX Sexual Harassment)
- Policy 104. Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff: Attachment 3 Title IX Sexual Harassment Procedures and Grievance Process for Formal Complaints
- Other

## **X. Title IX Information to Complainant**

What supportive measures were discussed with the complainant, and what were the complainant's wishes with respect to supportive measures?

Upon designating a course of action under Title IX sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator will promptly:

1. Explain to the complainant the process for filing a formal complaint.
2. Inform the complainant of the continued availability of supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint.
3. Determine what supportive measures may be offered to the respondent.
4. Determine whether the complainant wishes this report to be treated as a formal complaint.

## **XI. Title IX Coordinator Signature**

I recommend the above course of action based on my consultation with the complainant and the information available at this time.

Title IX Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **XII. Title IX Formal Complaint Action**

The Title IX Coordinator shall have the complainant check the appropriate box and sign and date below to indicate whether or not the complainant wishes to have this form serve as a formal complaint pursuant to Title IX.

I would like my report to be treated as a formal complaint of sexual harassment pursuant to Title IX.

Yes                       No

Complainant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If the complainant does not wish this report to be treated as a formal complaint pursuant to Title IX, the Title IX Coordinator must assess whether actions limited to supportive measures are a sufficient response to alleged behavior, or whether instead a formal complaint process is necessary to investigate and address the situation adequately. If the facts as contained in this Report, if presumed as true, could meet the definition of Title IX sexual harassment, the Title IX Coordinator must proceed with the filing of a formal complaint unless the Title IX Coordinator determines that circumstances exist to support a finding it is not clearly unreasonable to refrain from initiating the formal complaint process. In making this determination, the Title IX Coordinator should consider, among other issues, the reasons the complainant is requesting a formal complaint not be filed and also analyze whether supportive measures may be a sufficient response to the alleged behavior under the circumstances, whether the filing of a formal complaint is necessary to perform a further investigation into the alleged facts to determine if there is an ongoing health or safety threat to others or whether failure to proceed will preclude the school district from pursuing disciplinary sanctions against the respondent for inappropriate behavior the school district believes should be addressed if found to be true. The Title IX Coordinator must analyze all of these factors and conclude it is not clearly unreasonable under the known circumstances in order for the Title IX Coordinator *not* to proceed with the formal complaint process. Only the Title IX Coordinator is authorized to initiate the formal complaint process despite a complainant's wishes, but the Title IX Coordinator may consult with the school solicitor and other district official in making this decision.

As Title IX Coordinator, I have determined that, notwithstanding the complainant's preference, it is necessary to proceed with the Grievance Process for Formal Complaints for the following reasons:

Therefore, I am signing this form for the purpose of serving as the formal complaint initiating that process:

Title IX Coordinator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_