

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

The Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE) prohibits sexual harassment of MCOE employees and job applicants. The Monterey County Superintendent of Schools (County Superintendent) prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against MCOE employees or other persons who complain, testify or otherwise participate in the complaint process established pursuant to this policy and administrative regulation.

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 4030 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

The Chief Human Resources Officer or designee shall take all actions necessary to ensure the prevention, investigation, and correction of sexual harassment, including but not limited to:

1. Providing training to employees in accordance with law and administrative regulation
2. Publicizing and disseminating the district's sexual harassment policy to staff

(cf. 4112.9/4212.9/4312.9 - Employee Notifications)

3. Ensuring prompt, thorough, and fair investigation of complaints
4. Taking timely and appropriate corrective/remedial action(s), which may require interim separation of the complainant and the alleged harasser and subsequent monitoring of developments

All complaints and allegations of sexual harassment shall be kept confidential to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or to take other subsequent necessary actions. [5 CCR 4964]

Any MCOE employee or job applicant who feels that he/she has been sexually harassed or who has knowledge of any incident of sexual harassment by or against another employee, a job applicant or a student, shall immediately report the incident to his/her supervisor, the principal, MCOE administrator or County Superintendent.

A supervisor, principal or other MCOE administrator who receives a harassment complaint shall promptly notify the Chief Human Resources Officer.

Complaints of sexual harassment shall be filed in accordance with AR 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment. An employee may bypass his/her supervisor in filing a complaint where the supervisor is the subject of the complaint.

(cf. 4031 - Complaints Concerning Discrimination in Employment)

Any MCOE employee who engages or participates in sexual harassment or who aids, abets, incites, compels, or coerces another to commit sexual harassment against an MCOE employee, job applicant, or student is in violation of this policy and is subject to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)

(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

(cf. 4218 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 *Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex*

GOVERNMENT CODE

12900-12996 *Fair Employment and Housing Act, especially:*

12940 *Prohibited discrimination*

12950.1 *Sexual harassment training*

LABOR CODE

1101 *Political activities of employees*

1102.1 *Discrimination: sexual orientation*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

7287.8 *Retaliation*

7288.0 *Sexual harassment training and education*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

4900-4965 *Nondiscrimination in elementary and secondary education programs receiving state financial assistance*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

2000d-2000d-7 *Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964*

2000e-2000e-17 *Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended*

2000h-2-2000h-6 *Title IX, 1972 Education Act Amendments*

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

106.9 *Dissemination of policy*

COURT DECISIONS

Department of Health Services v. Superior Court of California, (2003) 31 Cal.4th 1026

Faragher v. City of Boca Raton, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 2275

Burlington Industries v. Ellreth, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 2257

Gebser v. Lago Vista Independent School District, (1998) 118 S.Ct. 1989

Oncale v. Sundowner Offshore Serv. Inc., (1998) 118 S.Ct. 998

Meritor Savings Bank, FSB v. Vinson et al., (1986) 447 U.S. 57