

# WEST COAST UNIVERSITY'S NOTICE OF COMPLAINANT'S AND RESPONDENT'S RIGHTS

West Coast University does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational programs. Sexual harassment and sexual violence are types of sex discrimination. Other acts can also be forms of sex-based discrimination and are also prohibited whether sexually based or not and include dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. As a result, the College issues this statement of policy to inform the community of this comprehensive plan addressing sexual misconduct, educational programs, and procedures that address sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, whether the incident occurs on or off campus and when it is reported to a college official. In this context, WCU prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and reaffirms its commitment to maintain a campus environment emphasizing the dignity and worth of all members of the college community.

It is the policy of West Coast University that no member of the campus community - students, faculty, administrators, staff, vendors, contractors, or third parties, may conduct sexual violence or harassment on any other member of our community.

For a complete copy of West Coast University's Title IX Policy: https://westcoastuniversity.edu/legal/title-ix

#### **NON-RETALIATION**

Retaliation is defined as the taking of an adverse action against a person *because of* his or her opposition to unlawful discrimination or participation in a complaint, investigation, or lawsuit about discrimination. Retaliation includes acts like taking actions to affect a person's academic or school-related activities such as threats, unjustified negative evaluations, unjustified negative references, or increased surveillance, and any other action such as an assault or unfounded civil or criminal charges that are likely to deter reasonable people from pursuing their rights.

Adverse actions do not include petty slights and annoyances, such as stray negative comments in an otherwise positive or neutral evaluation, "snubbing" a student, not talking to a student, or negative comments that are justified by a student's poor performance or history.

It is unlawful and a violation of this policy to retaliate against any person who has brought a good-faith complaint of discrimination or harassment or who has assisted in the investigation of a complaint of discrimination or harassment. Retaliation, whether actual or threatened, destroys the sense of community and trust that is critical to a learning and work environment. WCU considers acts or threats of retaliation in response to such disclosures or participation to constitute a serious violation of WCU's policy, which may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal, against the retaliator.

It is important to note that impermissible retaliation can occur even in those circumstances where it is determined that the complaint brought was without merit.

Any person who believes he or she is being retaliated against because of making a complaint or assisting in an investigation in violation of this policy, should promptly report the concerns to the Title IX Coordinator. Allegations of retaliation will be handled through the Student Conduct Code or the Associate Handbook.

#### WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

#### **Emergency Response**

Are You in Danger Now? If you need help right now, call "911."

You can also call:
<a href="Mational Domestic Violence Hotline">National Domestic Violence Hotline</a>
1-800-799-7233 TDD: 1-800-787-3224

- Get to a safe place. (For example -- someone's home, the nearest hospital or police department)
- Call 911 to be taken to an emergency room for medical care and/or for immediate police protection and assistance. When you call 911, explain what has happened and request to be sent to an emergency department that has a SANE nurse (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.)
- Alternatively, go directly to the nearest Emergency Room. If you go to the nearest emergency department that does not have SANE services, you can be transferred to the nearest facility.

### **Preservation of Evidence:**

After an incident of sexual assault, the complainant should consider seeking medical attention as soon as possible at a local emergency room and to have a rape kit completed to preserve evidence in case the complainant decides to file a police report. No law enforcement charges are required in order to have a rape kit collected; however, the complainant must use his/her legal name.

It is important that a complainant of sexual assault not bathe, douche, smoke, change clothing or clean the bed/linen/area where they were assaulted if the offense occurred within the past 72-96 hours so that evidence as may be necessary to the proof that criminal activity is occurring or has occurred may be preserved. In circumstances of sexual assault, if complainants do not opt for forensic evidence collection, health care providers can still treat injuries and take steps to address concerns of pregnancy and/or sexually transmitted disease. Complainants of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence are encouraged to also preserve evidence by saving text messages, instant messages, social networking pages, other communications, and keeping pictures, logs or other copies of documents, if any exists that would be useful to the Institution's grievance process or police.

# **Options for Reporting to Law Enforcement:**

Although the college strongly encourages all members of its community to report violations of this policy to law enforcement, it is the complainant's choice whether or not to make such a report and complainants have the right to decline involvement with the police. If the complainant would like to contact Public Safety and/or local authorities either of the following maybe completed:

- 1. File a complaint but not have charges brought against the accused. Charges may be brought at a later time if desired and the prosecuting attorney's office agrees, however, evidence may be lost. Victims of sexual assault are encouraged to get a rape kit done and cooperate fully with an investigation so the possibility of filing criminal charges may be an option when they are ready to pursue, if ever.)
- 2. File a complaint and ask that the investigation and charges be pursued immediately. While the prosecuting attorney is still the decision-maker in whether the perpetrator is charged criminally, the victim can cooperate

and provide as much timely cooperation and information as may be possible.

IMPORTANT: Victims under the age of 18 that file a report will be deemed a child in need and the appropriate authorities will make a decision of whether to pursue charges.

#### **No Contact Orders**

If the accused individual is a member of the WCU community, a no contact letter will be given to all parties involved by the Institution until the conclusion of the investigation. This will prohibit communication between the parties, including contact verbally, in writing, through technology, or third parties. If you have been the victim of domestic or dating violence, stalking or sexual abuse, you may also want to consider obtaining an order of protection from the State of California.

# **Orders of Protection**

The Institution does not issue orders of protection. But victims may be able to secure an order of protection through the courts in the jurisdiction where they live.

The Institution cannot apply for a legal order of protection, or restraining order for a complainant or on their behalfthe victim is required to apply directly for these services in conjunction with the police of the county in which they are located. The Institution will assist students and associates in obtaining court orders of protection to the extent they can.

The Institution will comply with state laws in recognizing orders of protection regardless of whether a complainant elects to pursue a criminal complaint. Persons should provide a copy of the order of protection to Safety and Security and the Title IX Coordinator. A complainant may then meet with Safety and Security to develop a Safety Action Plan, which is a plan aimed to reduce risk of harm while on campus or coming and going from campus. This plan may include, but is not limited to: escorts, special parking arrangements, changing classroom location, etc.

#### **CALIFORNIA**

For helpful information see the website, <u>www.courts.ca.gov</u>—click the underlined information to access the specific webpage and get more info. In California, an Emergency Protection Order may be available through a law enforcement officer at any time of day.

#### **FLORIDA**

For helpful information in Florida see the website <u>www.flcourts.org</u>. In Florida, the injunction process for protection order could be filed at one of the intake locations in the complainant's county. The Intake Unit staff will help to complete all the necessary paperwork, which is taken to a judge to review.

#### **TEXAS**

For helpful information in Texas, see the website <a href="www.dallascounty.org">www.dallascounty.org</a>. In Texas, the protective order may be available through the district or county attorney, a private attorney, or through a legal aid service program. The application must be filed in the county in which the complainant lives.

#### Risk Reduction, Warning Signs of Abusive Behavior and Future Attacks

No complainant is ever to blame for being assaulted or abused. Unfortunately, a person who is the victim of sexual or dating violence is more likely to be re-victimized. Below are some tips to help reduce your risk, to recognize warnings signs of abusive behavior and how to avoid potential attacks.

## Warning Signs of Abusive Behavior

Domestic and dating abuse often escalates from threats and verbal abuse to violence. And, while physical injury may be the most obvious danger, the emotional and psychological consequences of domestic and dating violence are also severe. Warning signs of dating and domestic violence include:

- Being afraid of your partner.
- Constantly watching what you say to avoid a "blow up."
- Feelings of low self-worth and helplessness about your relationship.
- Feeling isolated from family or friends because of your relationship.
- Hiding bruises or other injuries from family or friends.
- Being prevented from working, studying, going home, and/or using technology (including your cell phone.)
- Being monitored by your partner at home, work or school.
- Being forced to do things you don't want to do.

### Help Reduce Your Risk and Avoid Potential Attacks

If you are being abused or suspect that someone you know is being abused, speak up or intervene.

- Consider making a report with Safety and Security and/or the Title IX Coordinator and ask for a "no contact" directive from the Institution to prevent future contact.
- Consider getting a protective order.
- Learn more about what behaviors constitute dating and domestic violence, understand it is not your fault, and talk with friends and family members about ways you can be supported.
- Trust your instincts—if something doesn't feel right in a relationship, speak up or end it.

## **How to be an Active Bystander**

Bystanders play a critical role in the prevention of sexual and relationship violence. WCU aims to promote a culture of community accountability where bystanders are actively engaged in the prevention of violence without causing further harm. We may not always know what to do even if we want to help. Below is a list of some ways to be an active bystander. If you or someone else is in immediate danger, dial 911. This could be when a person is yelling at or being physically abusive towards another and it is not safe for you to interrupt.

- Watch out for your friends and fellow students. If you see someone who looks like they could be in trouble or need help, ask if they are ok.
- Confront people who seclude, hit on, try to make out with, or have sex with people who are incapacitated.
- Speak up when someone discusses plans to take sexual advantage of another person.
- Believe someone who discloses sexual assault, abusive behavior, or experience with stalking.
- Refer people to on or off campus resources listed in this document for support in health, counseling, or with legal assistance.

#### **OFF CAMPUS RESOURCES**

WCU does not offer on campus resources in health, mental health, counseling, victim advocacy, legal assistance, or visa and immigration assistance. Students should access the off-campus resources in their area of residence or use the chart below to utilize resources near campus. If you need help, contact your Campus Title IX Administrator or Safety and Security on your campus. Either of those offices can assist you with connecting with the resource you need. If you need immediate assistance, call 9-1-1.

Student Financial Aid is available on campus. For further information, please contact:

Campus	Address
	Student Financial Aid Office
Orange County	Address: 1477 S. Manchester Ave, Anaheim, CA 92802
	Email: <u>tSalcedo@westcoastuniversity.edu</u>
	Phone: 714-782-1706
	Student Financial Aid Office
Ontario	Address: 2855 E. Guasti Rd, Ontario, CA 91761
Ontario	Email: alsanchez@westcoastuniversity.edu
	Phone: 909-467-6020
	Student Financial Aid Office
Los Angeles – Center for Graduate Studies	Address: 590 N. Vermont Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90004
	Email: ebueno@westcoastuniversity.edu
	Phone: 323-454-5039
	Student Financial Aid Office
Los Angeles	Address: 12215 Victory Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91606
LOS Aligeles	Email: tCabuco@westcoastuniversity.edu
	Phone: 818-299-5506
	Student Financial Aid Office
Dallas	Address: 2323 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080
Danas	Email: <u>dvelarde@westcoastuniversity.edu</u>
	Phone: 214-453-4258
	Student Financial Aid Office
Miami	Address: 9250 NW 36 <sup>th</sup> St, Doral, FL 33178
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	Phone: 786-482-7440

Off campus resources for victims are included below, organized by region:

**Orange County** 

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LOCAL Police Department	Anaheim Police Department 425 S. Harbor Blvd., Anaheim, CA (714) 765-1900	
STATE Police Department	California Highway Patrol 13200 Goldenwest St, Westminster, CA 92683 (714) 622-3600	

Closest Emergency Room	Anaheim Regional Medical Center 1111 W. La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801 (714) 774-1450	
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	Anaheim Regional Medical Center 1111 W. La Palma Ave, Anaheim, CA 92801 (714) 774-1450	
Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Court)	North Justice Center – Orange County Superior Court 1275 N. Berkeley Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832 (657) 622-5600	
Where to obtain a Restraining Order	Lamoreaux Justice Center 341 The City Drive South – Room 705, Orange, CA 92868 (657) 622-5720, (657) 622-5756 or the Domestic Violence Hotline: (714) 992-1931	
Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Victim Services 700 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 834-4317	
Legal Assistance	Legal Aid Society of Orange County 2101 N. Tustin Ave, Santa Ana, CA 92705 (714) 571-5200	
Visa & Immigration Assistance	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services 8381 La Palma Ave. #A, Buena Park, CA 90620 (800) 375-5283	
	Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Orange County 32118 Paseo Adelanto #9A, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675 Tel 714-430-8771 http://www.chirla.org/	
Rape Crisis	Community Service Programs  North Orange County Courthouse 1275 N. Berkeley Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832 (714) 957-2737 – 24 Hour Hotline	
Battered Women's Shelter	Human Options Business office - 5540 Trabuco Rd, Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92620 (877) 854-3594 – 24 Hour Hotline	
Resources Specific to Male Victims	Community Service Programs  North Orange County Courthouse 1275 N. Berkeley Ave, Fullerton, CA 92832  National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233	
Resources for the LGBTQ community	LGBTQ Center of Orange County 1605 N. Spurgeon St, Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 953-5428	

# Ontario

Ontario	
LOCAL Police Department	Ontario Police Department 2500 S. Archibald Ave, Ontario, CA 91761 (909) 395-2001
STATE Police Department	California Highway Patrol 9530 Pittsburgh Ave, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 980-3994
Closest Emergency Room	Arrowhead Regional Center 400 N Pepper Ave, Colton, CA 92324 (909) 580-1000. Toll Free: (877) USE-ARMC
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	Pomona Valley Medical Center 1798 North Garey Ave, Pomona, CA 91767 (909) 865-9500
Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Court)	San Bernardino County District Attorney 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 382-3800
Where to obtain a Restraining Order	San Bernardino County District Attorney 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 382-3800
Victim Advocacy	San Bernardino Victim Services Center 303 West 3rd Street, 6th Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 382-3846 Rancho Cucamonga Courthouse 8303 Haven Ave., 4th Floor Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 350-9764
Legal Assistance	Inland Counties Legal Services 3500 Porsche Way #200, Ontario, CA 91764 (888) 245-4257
Counseling	Olive Branch Counseling Centers – Rancho Cucamonga Center 9033 Baseline Rd. Suite A, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 989-9030 Ext 103
Mental Health	Phoenix Community Counseling 820 E. Gilbert St, San Bernardino, CA 92415 (909) 387-7200
Financial Aid	Community Action Partnership 696 S. Tippecanoe Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92408 (909) 723-1500
Visa & Immigration Assistance	Inland County Legal Services 3500 Porsche W. Suite 200, Ontario, CA 91764 (888) 245-4257 http://www.inlandlegal.org
	Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of San Bernardino 330 North D Street Suite 424, San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 475-0687 http://chirla.org/

Rape Crisis	San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services 444 N. Arrowhead Ave., # 101 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 885-8884
Battered Women's Shelter	<b>Option House</b> 813 N D St #A San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 383-1602
Resources Specific to Male Victims	Partners Against Violence 444 N. Arrowhead Ave., # 101 San Bernardino, CA 92401 (909) 885-8884
Resources for the LGBTQ community	The LGBT Community Center of the Desert 1301 N. Palm Canyon Dr. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, Palm Springs, CA 92262 (760) 416-7790

# **Los Angeles**

LOCAL Police Department	Los Angeles Police Department – North Hollywood 11640 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601 (818) 754-8300 Los Angeles Police Department – Rampart 1401 W. 6th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 484-3400	
•	(818) 754-8300 (213) 484-3400  California Highway Patrol	
STATE Police Department	411 N. Central Ave. #410, Glendale, CA 91203 (818) 240-8200	
Closest Emergency Room	Good Samaritan Hospital 1225 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 977-2121	
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	LAC + USC Medical Center 2051 Marengo St., Los Angeles, CA 90033 (323) 409-1000	
Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Court)	Central Civil West Courthouse 600 South Commonwealth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 351-8738	
Where to obtain a protective order	Stanley Mosk Courthouse Restraining Order Center – Room 245 111 N. Hill St., Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 830-0830 Option #4	
Counseling	VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com	
Health	Hollywood Sunset Free Clinic 3324 W Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90026 (323) 660-2400 or (323) 660-1408 Knights of Malta Free Clinic 2222 Ocean View Ave #112, Los Angeles, CA 90057 (213) 384-4323 VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com	
Victim Advocacy	1736 Family Crisis Center 2116 Arlington Ave. Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90018 (323) 737-3900 East Los Angeles Women's Center 1431 S. Atlantic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90022 (323) 526-5819 Hotline (800) 585-6231	
Legal Assistance	Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County 1102 E Chevy Chase Drive, Glendale, CA 91205 (818) 291-1765 Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles Ron Olson Justice Center 1550 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (800) 399-4529	
Financial Assistance	Department of Public Social Services 2415 W 6 <sup>th</sup> St, Los Angeles, CA 90057 (866) 613-3777	

Visa & Immigration Assistance	Public Counsel – Immigrant's Rights Project 610 S. Ardmore Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90005 (213) 385-2977 Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, CA 2533 W. 3 <sup>rd</sup> St., Suite 101, Los Angeles, CA 90057 (213) 353-1333 http://www.chirla.org/
Mental Health	Center for Individual & Family Counseling 5445 Laurel Canyon Blvd, North Hollywood, CA 91607 (818)761-2227 Southern California Counseling Center 5615 Pico Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90019 (323) 937-1344
Rape Crisis	Peace Over Violence 1015 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 200, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (626) 584-6191 Hotline (310) 392-8381
Battered Women's Shelter	Violence Intervention Program/24-Hour Domestic Violence Response Team 1721 Griffin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90031 (323) 226-2095
Resources Specific to Male Victims	VIDA Health App- vida.com/wcuacc Aetna Health 877-351-7889 www.aetnasap.com
Resources for the LGBTQ community	Los Angeles LGBT Center – McDonald/Wright Building 1625 N Schrader Blvd, Los Angeles CA 90028 (323) 993-7400

# Texas (Richardson)

Richardson Police Department	
200 N. Greenville, Ave., Richardson, TX 75081	
(972) 744-4800	
Texas Highway Patrol	
820 N Loop 288 Denton, TX 76209	
(940) 484-6666	
Methodist Richardson Medical Center Emergency Room	
2831 E. President George Bush Hwy, Richardson, TX 75082	
(469) 204-8000	
Parkland Hospital	
5200 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas, TX 752	35
(214) 590-8000	
Dallas County District Attorney	Collin County District Attorney
133 N. Riverfront Blvd. LB 19 Dallas, TX 75207	2100 Bloomdale Rd. Ste. 100 McKinney, TX
(214)653-3600	75071 (972) 548-4323
	200 N. Greenville, Ave., Richardson, T (972) 744-4800  Texas Highway Patrol 820 N Loop 288 Denton, TX 76209 (940) 484-6666  Methodist Richardson Medical Center 2831 E. President George Bush Hwy, (469) 204-8000  Parkland Hospital 5200 Harry Hines Blvd Dallas, TX 752 (214) 590-8000  Dallas County District Attorney

Where to obtain a Restraining Order	Dallas County District Attorney's Office 133 N. Riverfront Blvd., 10th Floor Dallas, TX 75207 (214) 653-6300 Dallas County (972) 424-1460 Collin County	
Victim Advocacy	Frank Crowley Courthouse 133 N. Riverfront Blvd., 9th Floor Dallas, TX 75207 (214) 653-5330	
Legal Assistance	Dallas District Clerks Office 600 Commerce Street, Suite# 103 Dallas, TX 75202 (214) 653-7307 Legal Aid of North West Texas 901 N. McDonald Street McKinney, TX 75069 (800) 906-3045	
Visa & Immigration Assistance	U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services – Dallas Field Office 6500 Campus Circle Drive East, Irving, TX 75063 (800) 375-5283	
Rape Crisis	The Turning Point 3325 Silverstone Dr. Plano, TX 75023 (972) 985-0951, 24-Hour Crisis Hotline (800) 886-7273	
Battered Women's Shelter	Hope's Door New Beginning Center 860 F Avenue, Ste. 100, Plano, TX 75074 (972) 276-0057 https://hdnbc.org/	
Resources Specific to Male Victims	<b>The Family Place</b> P.O. Box 7999 Dallas, TX 75209 (214) 559-2170	
Resources for the LGBTQ community	John Thomas LGBT Community Center 2701 Reagan St. Dallas, TX 75219 (214) 528-9254	

# Miami

LOCAL Police Department	City of Doral Police Department 6100 NW 99 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Doral, FL 33178 (305) 593-6699
STATE Police Department	Miami Dade P.D. Midwest District Station 9105 NW 25 <sup>th</sup> St, Doral, FL 33172 (305) 471-2800
Closest Emergency Room	<b>Palmetto General Hospital</b> 2001 W 68 <sup>th</sup> St., Hialeah, FL 33016 (305) 823-5000
Hospital w/ SANE Services (sexual assault evidence collection services)	Jackson Memorial Hospital 1611 NW 12th Ave, Miami, FL 33136 (305) 585-1111
Prosecuting Attorney's Office (Court)	City of Doral, Florida 8401 NW 53rd Terrace, Doral, FL 33166 (305) 593-6725

Where to obtain a Restraining Order	Hialeah District Court  Domestic Violence Intake – Room 108  11E. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. Hialeah, FL 33010  (305) 349-5813	
Victim Advocacy	Special Victims Bureau 1701 NW 87th Ave. Suite #100, Doral, FL 33172 Email: svbinfo@mdpd.com	
Legal Assistance	THE DART PROGRAM – (305) 547-0100 THE MOVES PROGRAM – (305) 547-0100	
Visa & Immigration Assistance	Immigration and Refugee Program 1924 NW 84th Ave. Building 10 – Beacon Center, Doral, FL 33126 (305) 774-6770	
Rape Crisis	Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center 1611 NW 12th Ave., Miami, FL 33136 (305) 585-7273	
Battered Women's Shelter	Miami Rescue Mission Center for Women & Children 2250 NW 1st Ave., Miami, FL 33127 (305) 571-2250	
Resources Specific to Male Victims	Special Victims Bureau 1701 NW 87th Ave., Doral, FL 33127 Email: svbinfo@mdpd.com	
Resources for the LGBTQ community	<b>SAVE</b> 1951 NW. 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 600, Miami FL, 33136 (305) 751-7283 Email: save@save.lgbt	

### SUPPORTIVE MEASURES AND INTERIM DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Supportive measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services designed to restore or preserve equal access to the Institution's education program or activity without unreasonably burdening the other party, including measures designed to protect the safety of all parties or the Institution's educational environment, or deter sexual harassment. Supportive measures will be offered as appropriate and as reasonably available without fee or charge to the parties before or after the filing of a formal complaint or where no formal complaint has been filed. These measures may include, but are not limited to, mutual no contact orders, changes in class or work assignments, academic housing, transportation and work accommodations, changes in work or class locations, leaves of absence, increased security and monitoring of certain areas, campus escorts, social restrictions, counseling and/or emotional support.

Any supportive measures provided to the parties will be maintained as confidential except as needed to provide the supportive measure.

The Institution may take interim disciplinary action against a student, including suspension, if after an individualized safety and risk analysis, the Title IX Coordinator determines that an immediate threat to the physical health or safety to a student or other individual exists arising from the allegations of sexual harassment. Following the determination,

the Title IX Coordinator will provide the respondent with notice and an opportunity to challenge the decision immediately following the removal.

The Institution may place an employee, on administrative leave prior to or during the grievance process.

### **RIGHTS AND OPTIONS OF THE PARTIES**

The Title IX Coordinator will ensure that the complainant receives an explanation of rights and options written in plain language with concise information. The written notification of rights and options will include the following:

- The importance of obtaining and preserving forensic and other evidence;
- The right to report or not report the alleged incident to the Institution, law enforcement or both, including information about the survivor's right to privacy and which reporting methods are confidential;
- The right to request and receive assistance from campus authorities in notifying law enforcement;
- The right to request and receive assistance in obtaining and enforcing a campus-issued order of protection or no contact order;
- The right to speak to and receive assistance from on and off campus resources and other organizations that provide support and services to victims and survivors;
- The right to assistance from the Institution in accessing local health and mental health services, counseling, advocacy services, legal assistance, financial aid services and immigration/visa assistance;
- The right to supportive measures with or without the filing of a formal complaint, no matter where the incident is reported to have occurred and that the Institution will consider the complainant's wishes with respect to available supportive measures including without limitation changes to academic, living, dining, working, and transportation situations;
- The right to request a formal or informal resolution process if cause is found to proceed under this policy and a summary of the appropriate complaint resolution procedures; and
- Contact information for all of the people and organizations listed herein.

In the event that a formal complaint is filed, the complainant and the respondent will receive a written notification of rights and options regarding the adjudication process, to include the following:

- The right for complainants and respondents to be treated equitably by the Institution which includes providing remedies to a complainant where a determination of responsibility for sexual harassment has been made against the respondent, and by following a grievance process that complies with this policy;
- The right to a fair, impartial, proceeding that begins promptly and is completed within reasonably prompt timeframes;
- The right to a resolution process that is consistent with the Institution's policies, transparent to the complainant and respondent, and in which the burden of proof and of gathering evidence rests with the Institution and not the parties;
- The right to an advisor of the party's choosing during the grievance process. If a party does not have an advisor at the time of the hearing, the Institution will provide without fee or charge, an advisor of the Institution's choice for purposes of conducting cross examination;
- The right to reasonable accommodations during any hearing, such as not being in the same room as the other party;

- The right to an objective evaluation of all relevant evidence—including both inculpatory and exculpatory evidence—and that credibility determinations will not be based on a person's status as a complainant, respondent, or witness;
- The right to a determination regarding responsibility made at the conclusion of the resolution process and that the Institution makes no prior presumption of responsibility; and
- The right not to be retaliated against for filing a formal complaint and/or for participating in an informal or formal resolution process.

# For further information on Title IX contact:

Title IX Coordinator	
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Title IX Administrators	
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Telephone: 800-421-3481 | FAX: 202-453-6012 | TDD: 800-877-8339 |

Email: OCR@ed.gov