



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE POLICY			
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**I. PURPOSE**

All Acero students have the right to a safe learning environment. This Policy is prohibiting Teen Dating Violence and addresses the legal obligation imposed on school employees by the Illinois School Code.

**II. ACERO RELATED POLICIES**

- A. [09.005 In-Service Training Policy](#)
- B. [09.002 Reporting Incidents Procedure](#)
- C. [10.002 Title IX Policy](#)

**III. DEFINITIONS**

- A. Dating or Dating Relationship: An ongoing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature between two people.
- B. Teen Dating Violence: Means either of the following:
  1. A pattern of behavior in which a person uses or threatens to use physical, mental, or emotional abuse to control another person who is or was in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age; or
  2. Behavior by which a person uses or threatens to use sexual violence against another person who is or was in a dating relationship with the person, where one or both persons are 13 to 19 years of age.

**IV. POLICY**

- A. Teen Dating Violence is unacceptable and prohibited.
- B. Acero Schools shall incorporate age-appropriate education about Teen Dating Violence for students in grades 7 through 12.
- C. Acero shall require training on Teen Dating Violence for school personnel who work with pupils in grades 7 through 12. Employees shall refer to the [In-Service Training Policy](#) for training requirements.

- D. Acero employees with first-hand knowledge of Teen Dating Violence that takes place on a school campus, on school grounds, at any school-sponsored event or activity, or in vehicles used for school-provided transportation shall follow the [Reporting Incidents Procedure](#) and review Acero's [Title IX Policy](#).
- E. The School Principal shall receive all reports of Teen Dating Violence and complete section 2 of the Incident Report form pursuant to the [Reporting Incidents Procedure](#).
- F. Students and parents shall be notified of the Teen Dating Violence Policy via the Acero Student/Family Handbook and Acero's website.

**V. REFERENCE**

Illinois Critical Health Problems and Comprehensive Health Act, 105 ILCS 110/3.10.

**VI. APPLICABILITY**

This policy is applicable to all Acero school-based employees. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary action up to, and including termination of employment.