

Teen Dating Violence: An Overview for Educators

“Legislation (P.L. 2011, Chapter 64) (N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.23a, 18A:37-33 et.al) enacted on May 4, 2011 requires each school district/charter school to approve a policy to prevent, respond, and educate their students, as well as their school community on incidents of dating violence. A safe and civil school environment is necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. A student who is a victim of dating violence suffers academically and the student’s safety at school is jeopardized.”



Teen dating violence is highly prevalent. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one in four adolescents reports verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner. To combat this, in 2011, New Jersey state law required all school districts to instate dating violence education in the health curriculum. In an effort to enforce compliance with this law, the New Jersey Domestic Violence Fatality and Near Fatality Review Board, along with a number of leading agencies has endorsed this series of fact sheets on teen dating violence, which can guide administrators and educators in the implementation of dating violence education programs.



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