



# Affected by Sexual Harassment?

## Know your rights.

Students and staff are protected against sexual harassment by anyone in any school program or activity, including on the school campus, on the school bus, or off-campus, such as a school-sponsored field trip.

### What is sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment is unwelcome behavior or communication that is sexual in nature when:

- ◆ A student or employee is led to believe that he or she must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct or communications in order to gain something in return, such as a grade, a promotion, a place on a sports team, or any educational or employment decision, or
- ◆ The conduct substantially interferes with a student's educational performance, or creates an intimidating or hostile educational or employment environment.

### How do I report sexual harassment?

You can report sexual harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Title IX Officer:

Title IX Coordinator  
Laurie McGinnis  
[lmcginnis@ptschools.org](mailto:lmcginnis@ptschools.org)

*For a copy of your district's Sexual Harassment policy and procedure, contact your school or district office.*

### Examples of Sexual Harassment:

- ◆ Pressuring a person for sexual favors
- ◆ Unwelcome touching of a sexual nature
- ◆ Writing graffiti of a sexual nature
- ◆ Distributing sexually explicit texts, e-mails, or pictures
- ◆ Making sexual jokes, rumors, or suggestive remarks
- ◆ Physical violence, including rape and sexual assault



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