

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Ichabod Crane is committed to the safety and security of our employees. Workplace violence presents a serious occupation safety and health hazard to our district, staff, and students.

Workplace violence is defined as any physical assault or act of aggressive behavior occurring where a district employee performs any work-related duty in the course of his or her employment including but not limited to an attempt or threat, whether verbal or physical, to inflict physical injury upon an employee: any intentional display of force which would give an employee reason to fear or expect bodily harm: intentional and wrongful physical contact with a person without his or her consent that entails some injury: or stalking an employee with the intent of causing fear of material harm to the physical safety and health of such employee when such stalking has arisen through and in the course of employment.

Any acts of violence against our staff while any work-related duty is performed will be thoroughly investigated and appropriate action will be taken, including involving law enforcement authorities when warranted. All employees are responsible for helping to create an environment of mutual respect for each other as well as students and visitors, following all policies, procedures, and practices, and for assisting in maintaining a safe and secure work environment.

This policy is designed to meet the requirements of New York State Labor Law Art. 2 27-b and highlights some of the elements that are found within our Workplace Violence Prevention Program. The process involved in complying with this law includes workplace evaluation that is designed to identify the risks of workplace violence to which our employees could be exposed.

Authorized employee representative(s) will, at minimum, be involved in:

- Evaluating the physical environment
- Developing the Workplace Violence Prevention Program
- Reviewing workplace violence incident reports at least annually to identify trends in the types of incidents reported, if any, and reviewing the effectiveness of the mitigating actions taken.

All Ichabod Crane employees will participate in the Workplace Violence Prevention Training Program annually. The goal of this policy is to promote the safety and well-being of all people in our district. All incidents of violence or threatening behavior will be responded to immediately upon notification. All district personnel are responsible for notifying the contact person designated below of any violent incidents, threatening behavior, including threats they have witnessed, received, or have been told that another person has witnessed or received.

Designated Contact Person: Marie Digirolamo, Superintendent
Central Office, mdigirolamo@ichabodcrane.org, (518) 758-7575, ext. 3002

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