

**School District #62 (Sooke)**

<b>SAFE SCHOOLS</b>	No.: C-316
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**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to create and maintain school environments where students, parents and others feel safe. To that end, the Board shall consider any act of violence, threat or intimidation that impacts a school’s ability to function safely to be a serious risk to the school environment and the safety of both students and staff. In addressing this responsibility, the Board:

1. Requires that schools conform to the Board's Learning Resources Policy with respect to the portrayal of violence in learning resources and other materials.
2. Supports the use of proactive programs to resolve conflict, to provide peaceful role models, and to promote a peaceful, harmonious human environment.
3. Will take appropriate disciplinary action which may include seeking legal redress through the police.
4. Will use the Behavioural and Digital Threat Assessment (BDTA) protocol to ensure that potentially high-risk behaviour is properly assessed and supportive interventions put in place.

References:

Statutory:

- BC School Act
- Legislation on safe spaces around schools

Policies:

- C-309, District and School Codes of Conduct
- C-319, Student Suspension
- C-432, Maintenance of Order
- B-115, Learning Resources