



# Dating Violence Implementation Presentation December, 21 2023

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# Dating Violence and Introduction

**Dating violence**” means a pattern of behavior where one person threatens to use, or actually uses physical, sexual, verbal, or emotional abuse to control a dating partner.

In January 2023: SOMSD Board of Education passed an updated policy 5519 - DATING VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL

An implementation plan to meet the needs of the new policy requirements has been enacted.

About **1 in 12**

**U.S. high school students**  
experienced physical dating violence.

About **1 in 12**

**U.S. high school students**  
experienced sexual dating violence.



# Goals

1. **Prevention:** to create systems of prevention through curriculum and teacher/staff training in the area of dating violence
2. **Community Information:** to provide the community with information on dating violence
3. **Personnel Support:** Create the role of a school based dating violence advocate for each school and provide training to advocate and staff
4. **Support:** to examine current investigative processes, Code of Conduct in order to create or adjust the process for preventing, identifying, ending and supporting students who are victims as well as offenders of dating violence



# Prevention and Personnel Support

- **Completed:** Curriculum has integrated dating violence into health and pe for several years.
- **Completed:** Each school has chosen a dating advocate to support any affected students
- **Completed:** Dating advocates have received training on their role and taken a CDC course on dating violence
- **Underway:** SOMSD employees will take a course on dating violence through Safe Schools (to be completed for all by February as part of their Safe Schools training)



# Community Information

- **Completed:** A microsite with resources and information has been published to our website. [CLICK HERE](#) to view.
- **Completed:** The Code of Conduct has been updated with information about dating violence and sent out to families
- **Completed:** Posters were created for each school. They include information about how to contact the dating advocate. They also contain a [QR code](#) which includes resources, “what is dating violence,” and all school advocates in the district.



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**RECOGNIZE.  
REPORT.  
PREVENT.**

## SOUTH ORANGE MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you or someone you know are a victim of dating violence, please contact:

Name: Jenny Easton  
Room: Mail Room  
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Email: jeaston@somsd.k12.nj.us



# Support

- **Completed:** A Dating Violence manual was created to outline the district procedures for any dating violence situation
- **Completed:** A list of supports, interventions and remediations was created for students who are victims of dating violence as well as any student who commits dating violence. These will be used to support students in this situation
- **Completed:** A safety plan template and accommodations is included in the manual
- **Completed:** The investigative process and formal grievance process is outlined in this manual and also aligns with the Title IX procedures
- **Ongoing:** The Department of Health and PE and Access and Equity will examine student work to identify the implementation of the dating violence curriculum



# *Questions*





*Thank You!*

