



## **Broward County Public Schools**

### **Strategic Plan to Dating Violence Prevention 2014-15**

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Program/Service/ Activity	Description	Accessing Resource
<b>Policy</b>	<p><b>Dating Violence Policy 5010</b></p> <p><b>Related Policies/Documents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anti-Bullying Policy 5.9, Procedural Manual</b></li> <li>• <b>Student Code of Conduct Policy 5.8</b></li> <li>• <b>Suspensions and Expulsions Policy 5006</b></li> <li>• <b>Non-Discrimination Policy 4001.1</b></li> <li>• <b>Broward County Public Schools Social Media Use Guidelines</b></li> <li>• <b>District's threat assessment protocols</b></li> </ul>	<p>browardprevention.org</p> <p>browardschools.com</p> <p>Anti-Bullying CAB Conference</p>
<b>Prevention Liaison</b>	As per Policy 5010, each school in the district has a Prevention Liaison who is responsible for the dissemination of prevention curriculum related to the four strands of prevention – violence prevention (the Dating Violence Policy, etc), substance abuse prevention, instructional strategies, as well as health and wellness. The Prevention Liaison is provided prevention resources by Diversity, Cultural Outreach & Prevention (DPI.)	School based staff
<b>Principal or administrative designee(s)</b>	As per Policy 5010, each school's principal or administrative Investigative Designee(s) is responsible for receiving and investigating all dating violence complaints, as well as ensuring the schoolwide adherence of the Policy requirements.	School based administrator
<b>The Prevention Team</b>	Collects data and enacts prevention efforts within each school. Provides ongoing guidance and training to students and adult advisors to ensure violence prevention success.	School based staff and administrators
<b>Trainings</b>	<p>At the beginning of each school year, each and every school principal/designee shall provide awareness and prominently publicize the provisions of Policy 5010 to ALL students (regardless of age), school staff, parents, or other persons responsible for the welfare of a student.</p> <p>Staff training on identifying, preventing, responding to, and investigating dating violence shall be provided to all school staff at the beginning of the school year.</p> <p>Every year DPI provides the following annual mandatory Policy 5010 trainings to all staff and students</p>	<p>At each school by principal/designee</p> <p>Materials available in the Dating Violence and Abuse Prevention Toolkit at</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Choose Peace Stop Violence Week is in September</b></li> <li>• <b>National Bullying Prevention Month is October</b></li> <li>• <b>Broward School’s Anti-Bullying Week is the second week in November</b> (see curriculum for Toolkit information)</li> <li>• <b>Human Rights Day, December 10</b></li> <li>• <b>No Name Calling Week is January 19-23, 2015</b></li> <li>• <b>February, Resolution for National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week/Month</b></li> <li>• <b>Above the Influence March is on Friday, March 13, 2015</b></li> <li>• <b>National Youth Violence Prevention Week Campaign is March 23-27, 2015</b></li> <li>• <b>Day of Silence, April 19</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Monthly Character Trait:</b> every month is a new character trait with corresponding Newsletter, Reality Avenue/Lane video, and classroom lessons.</p>	<p>Anti-Bullying CAB Conference</p> <p>Prevention Programs CAB Conference</p> <p>Student Support Services for information on resolution</p>
<p><b>Curriculums</b></p>	<p><b>The mandated health education Curriculum Modules</b> for students in grades 7 through 12 includes the dating violence definition, warning signs, recognition of abusive behavior, the characteristics of healthy relationships, measures to prevent and stop, as well as available community resources.</p> <p><b>Planting the Seeds of Prevention:</b> The Planting Seeds Of Prevention Book was created by Broward County Public School’s Office of Prevention to serve as a teaching tool and a one stop shop for all your prevention needs. The prevention curriculum is organized into the 4 strands of prevention: health and wellness, violence prevention, substance abuse prevention and instructional strategies. Within each strand there are specialized lessons related to each area of prevention. For example, in lessons on dating violence can be found under Violence. Every strand has lessons for both primary and secondary grades. Many of the lessons can be utilized as white board interactive and contain links to the web – as either a resource or a link to a downloadable video.</p>	<p>the Dating Violence and Abuse Prevention Toolkit at <a href="http://www.browardprevention.org">www.browardprevention.org</a></p> <p>Hardcopy provided to every Prevention Liaison, available electronically at <a href="http://browardprevention.org">browardprevention.org</a></p>

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	<p><b>Get Real About Violence:</b> a research-based prevention program infused into an existing curriculum to address a wide range of violent behavior in students from kindergarten through 12th grade—from bullying and verbal aggression at early grades through fighting and social exclusion at middle grades to relationship violence occurring in later grades. The program encourages students to identify alternative attitudes and norms leading to a violence free community.</p> <p><b>Broward School's Anti-Bullying Week Toolkit:</b> contains activities and lessons related to all dating/domestic violence prevention observances</p>	<p>All Prevention Liaisons have the DVD. Select schools have a site license. Anti-Bullying CAB Conference Prevention Programs CAB Conference</p>
	<p><b>Safe Dates:</b> Dating violence prevention curriculum, grades 6-12.</p>	<p>All Prevention Liaisons have the DVD. Select schools have a site license. Anti-Bullying CAB Conference Prevention Programs CAB Conference</p>
	<p><b>Dating Matters:</b> free 60-minute, interactive training is designed to help educators, youth-serving organizations, and others working with teens understand the risk factors and warning signs associated with teen dating violence. Mail in request for dating violence prevention instructional DVD which operates like a course and contains classroom curriculum and resources.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/DatingMatters">www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/DatingMatters</a></p>
	<p><b>iSafe Internet Safety:</b> made available district wide through DPI's purchase of a site license, the curriculum and videos combine classroom education and community outreach into one unique program to educate others in regard to Internet safety and violence prevention (cyberbullying, sexting, online predators, cyber stalking, etc.).</p>	<p>In Blackboard, Anti-Bullying CAB Conference, &amp; Prevention Programs CAB Conference</p>
	<p><b>Netsmartz:</b> free Internet safety, cyberbullying comprehensive online safety education for grades K-12 with free easy-to-use Kits, downloadable videos and lesson plan PDFs.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.netsmartz.org">www.netsmartz.org</a></p>
	<p><b>BEEP:</b> innumerable lessons available on violence prevention related topics for all grade levels.</p>	<p><a href="http://Browardschools.com">Browardschools.com</a></p>
	<p><b>Character Education:</b> Mandated state and district-wide initiative in which a monthly Newsletter, Reality Avenue/Lane videos, and activities are made available for teachers to infuse within their</p>	<p><a href="http://browardprevention.org">browardprevention.org</a> <a href="http://browardschools.com">browardschools.com</a></p>

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	curriculum on the eight character traits (Responsibility, Citizenship, Kindness, Respect, Honesty, Self-Control, Tolerance, and Cooperation). These traits are implemented on all grade levels.	Anti-Bullying CAB Conference Prevention Programs CAB Conference
	<b>United For Human Rights:</b> free videos, pamphlets and educational kits with curriculum surrounding the topic of human rights.	humanrights.com
	<b>Teaching Tolerance:</b> free downloadable curricula, classroom activities, e-newsletter.	teachingtolerance.org
	<b>Net Cetera:</b> This free guide and toolkit encourages students to reduce online risks.	onguardonline.gov
<b>Data Collection</b>	<b>District Prevention Assessment:</b> Used with selected schools, assesses risk factors, sense of safety and violence.	Sent to Prevention Liaisons and school Principal
	<b>Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS):</b> administered throughout the United States to high school students (grades 9-12). Designed to monitor priority health-risk behaviors contributing to the leading causes of mortality, morbidity and social problems among youth and adults. Broward County Schools has been administering this survey every other year since 1991 to a sample group of students in grades 9-12.	browardprevention.org  cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/YRBS
	<b>Annual Customer Survey:</b> Administered to students, parents, and teachers with questions related to school climate, bullying and reporting.	browardschools.com browardprevention.org
<b>Grant Initiatives</b>	<b>Dating Matters Grant:</b> Broward County Health Department in partnership with BCPS's Office of Prevention has been one of four counties to receive the national award, the "Dating Matters" Grant. This CDC funded grant funds 12 Broward schools to participate in a dating violence prevention initiative over five years. The data from the grant will help guide the district and nation in future dating violence prevention efforts.	For assistance, call DPI 754-321-1655
<b>Specialized Dating Violence Prevention and Intervention Strategies, videos</b>	<b>Dating Violence Policy 5010 Staff Training Module:</b> gives information on the process of dating violence, and Policy 5010.	browardprevention.org
	<b>Dating Violence Policy 5010 Student Training Module:</b> gives students information on how to prevent and intervene with suspected dating violence and Policy 5010.	Anti-Bullying CAB Conference
	<b>Reality Avenue's "Relationships: What is REAL Love?":</b> Each show has classroom exercises created	Prevention Programs CAB Conference

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	<p>for teachers and counselors to use with their students. The exercises are divided into Elementary, Middle and High School. Some of the exercises are designed to create discussion; some are for small group dynamics or homework exercises, and others might best be suited for individual lesson plans.</p> <p><b>Reality Avenue's "Dating Violence We Can Stop It – Know the Signs!":</b> gives students information on how to prevent and intervene with suspected dating violence.</p>	<p>And on BECON TV's EduVision Video Portal, <a href="https://becon223.eduvision.tv">https://becon223.eduvision.tv</a></p> <p>Call DPI 754-321-1655 for more information</p>
<p><b>Conflict Mediation</b></p>	<p>This program trains students to act as mediators for other students. It provides an opportunity to address issues causing conflict and helps to prevent future conflicts. Conflict Mediation on the secondary level is facilitated through peer counseling in the majority of middle and high schools. All secondary schools have a program in place. In the elementary schools, it is done on a voluntary basis, with schools electing to have the program.</p>	<p>Call DPI 754-321-1655 for more information</p>
<p><b>Website &amp; CAB Based Resources</b></p>	<p><b>DPI website <a href="http://www.browardprevention.org">www.browardprevention.org</a>:</b> Provides continuous updated information and resources related to the four strands of prevention - violence prevention, substance abuse prevention, health and wellness, and curriculum infusion.</p> <p>The specialized, monitored CAB conferences with numerous resources on dating violence prevention for staff throughout the district are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anti-Bullying CAB Conference</b></li> <li>• <b>Prevention Programs CAB Conference</b></li> <li>• <b>Prevention Liaison CAB Conference</b></li> <li>• <b>Peer Counseling CAB Conference</b></li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://browardprevention.org">browardprevention.org</a></p> <p>To access CAB Conferences, contact DPI at 754-321-1655</p>
<p><b>Poster and Material Dissemination to Schools</b></p>	<p>Each school receives and posts the following violence prevention posters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mandated Reporters Staff Poster</b></li> <li>• <b>Choose Peace Stop Violence Poster</b></li> <li>• <b>Silence Hurts Campaign Poster</b> (from Broward District Schools Police)</li> <li>• <b>Dating Violence Prevention Poster</b></li> <li>• <b>LGBT Sensitivity Poster</b></li> </ul>	<p>Call DPI 754-321-1655 for more information</p>

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	<p><b>Resource Libraries:</b> DPI provides resource libraries to Peer Counseling Coordinators and Prevention Liaisons. These sets of 40 books are rotated for two week periods to the teachers and their classes. Some examples of the books being rotated are: Odd Girl Out, The Misfits, Inside Out, The Knight in Rusty Armor, Define Normal, and The Revealers.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Online Courses</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>&amp;</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Student Video Conference Sessions</b></p>	<p>A variety of interactive on-line courses are offered throughout the academic year. Throughout the courses, participants implement prevention curricula with students and share their observations with colleagues. Some of the offered online courses are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Improving School Culture:</b> Participants in this course will learn strategies and methodologies for shaping and improving school culture by examining current structures in reducing student risk factors, and increasing protective factors on campus.</li> <li>• <b>Violence Prevention:</b> Research has shown violence prevention remains one of the most effective tools for academic success. This Violence Prevention course uses the latest information and tools to educate and empower youth and adults to prevent and intervene when there is a risk of violence. The course covers the latest trends in the spectrum of violence toward self (suicide, self injury) as well as violence toward others (from the early inception of disrespect and mistrust at the core of bullying to dating/domestic violence and Internet Safety/Abduction prevention).</li> <li>• <b>Behavior Management:</b> This course provides support and strategies for dealing with difficult students and assists teachers who have already established their routines and rules, and have solid instruction based on information in Instructional Delivery. When both of these are in place and students are still not learning or creating disturbances in the classroom, teachers need assistance and strategies for dealing with these situations.</li> </ul> <p>Video conferences are made available to schools and students on a regular basis and are aimed at connecting on prevention topics during observances dates. An example of one made available is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teen Dating Violence:</b> presented in partnership with Women in Distress, this presentation allows the student group discussions and activities surrounding the topic of boundaries and expectations in current or future dating relationships.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">www.sbbc-vu.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">browardprevention.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Call DPI 754-321-1655 for more information</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Supporting Community Initiatives</b></p>	<p><b>Broward LGBT DV Coalition</b></p> <p><b>Sexual Assault Treatment Center</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">choosepeacestopviolence.org call (954)462-4850 Ext.</p>



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	<p><b>Broward Domestic Violence Coalition</b></p> <p><b>Above the Influence March group:</b> coordinate the annual ATI March</p> <p><b>Choose Peace Stop Violence:</b> an ongoing effort, highlighted during the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>, aimed at creating peace in Broward County. Families work to reduce and prevent violence with the brochure, "What Families Can Do to Prevent Youth Violence", teachers with the activities flyer, and parents with the Choose Peace Parent Guide.</p> <p><b>Dating Matters Advisory Group:</b> coordinated by the Department of Health Broward County</p> <p><b>Domestic Violence Strategic Planning Committee</b></p> <p><b>The Broward County Youth Anti-Violence Coalition:</b> brings together elected officials, students, law enforcement, faith-based leaders, the business community, charitable foundations, institutions of learning, the media, judges and other stakeholders committed to county-wide change through the implantation of local solutions.</p> <p><b>Agents of Change Summits:</b> a county-wide effort with select group of students from various SBBC middle schools met at the Summit to share their best violence prevention practices from their school and community. Students attended trainings and returned back to school with a youth-driven plans of action based on what they learned. The summit's goal is to bridge Broward County's youth development partners, community members and young people to collaborate in the Choose Peace/Stop Violence Youth Movement.</p> <p><b>Safe To Be Me Coalition</b></p> <p><b>Women in Distress:</b> community partner provides the Imagine Program in select schools (focusing on Title I middle schools for at risk youth) and others upon request</p>	<p>141</p> <p><a href="http://teenspace211.org">http://teenspace211.org</a></p> <p><a href="http://browardprevention.org">browardprevention.org</a></p>
<p><b>Pro-Social Clubs</b></p>	<p><b>Gay Straight Alliances (GSA):</b> pro-social groups receive support to implement resources to assist students in this area to prevent discrimination and abuse.</p>	<p>At each self chosen</p>

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	<p><b>Human Relations Council:</b> The purpose is to SUPPORT (1) a school environment where respect for diversity is promoted and practiced daily; (2) the belief that all individuals must be treated with respect and dignity (3) a school environment where all students feel safe within their own identity. With the assistance of community partners, participants are trained on how to be an ally to others, how to interrupt name-calling and bullying and on creating non-violent, safe, respectful, and civil learning environments resulting in the overall goal of improved student achievement. Presently, all secondary schools, including eleven centers have implemented a HRC.</p> <p><b>IGNITUS (formerly Youth Crime Watch of Broward County):</b> encourages students to take the lead in efforts to maintain a safe, violence-free school environment.</p> <p><b>The Peace Rangers Human Relations Program:</b> support a school environment where all students will feel safe in their own identity, and support positive human relations in school and community-related activities. The program trains students to become "Peace Rangers" who actively promote peace in their schools. The program includes curriculum materials for classroom use.</p>	<p>school.</p> <p>Call DPI 754-321-1655 for more information</p>
<p><b>Peer Counseling</b></p>	<p>Peer counseling is an elective middle and high class providing a full range of services to students, the school and innovation zones through structured in-school and outreach activities. Peer counselors represent a select cross-section of students who act as helpers and active listeners for their fellow students. The focus of the curriculum is preventative. It addresses a multitude of social, individual, school and family concerns and has a focus on violence and substance abuse prevention issues. In addition to helping peers with individual concerns, peer counselors provide classroom presentations on teen issues, violence prevention and other related topics.</p>	<p>Call DPI 754-321-1655 for more information</p>
<p><b>Television Programs</b></p>	<p><b>Reality Avenue, Reality Lane:</b> a Telly award winning, innovative, and engaging series of prevention and character education programs with corresponding Sunshine State Standardized classroom lessons. Topics covered include relationships, addiction, body image, bullying, each of the monthly character traits and more. Accessible for viewing nationally via the DPI website and to all families in the Tri-County area through <u>BECON TV</u>, as well as the Comcast cable and Direct TV. More specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reality Avenue's "Relationships: What is REAL Love?":</b> Each show has classroom exercises created for teachers and counselors to use with their students. The exercises are divided into Elementary, Middle and High School. Some of the exercises are designed to create discussion; some are for small group dynamics or homework exercises, and others might best be suited for individual lesson plans.</li> </ul>	<p>browardprevention.org</p> <p>Available for viewing on BECON TV's EduVision Video Portal, <a href="https://becon223.eduvision.tv">https://becon223.eduvision.tv</a></p>

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<b>Anonymous Reporting Methods</b>	<p><b>Silence Hurts Campaign:</b> encourages a student to break the code of silence regarding potentially dangerous situations on school grounds. Coordinators distribute posters to schools. The importance of speaking up is stressed; along with prevented violence by students who refused to allow themselves or their classmates to become victims. Students may make reports via the phone, internet email, or cell phone text.</p> <p><b>Anonymous Reporting Box:</b> each school is mandated per Policy 5.9 to have an Anonymous Reporting Box at their single point of entry. It is recommended the box double as a "shout out" box to also celebrate positive student interactions.</p>	<p>Call 754-321-0911, Text 'SBBC' [space], plus the text message to CRIMES (274637) or Email Broward District Schools Police at school911@browardsc hools.com</p>
<b>Threat Assessment</b>	<p>The Threat Assessment Initiative Addresses the three phases of violence prevention: (1) Awareness of the Warning Signs of violence prevention: (2) creation of "safe zones" for students to report concerns, and (3) implementation of school threat assessment teams to determine the level of danger, and to plan interventions to assist the at-risk student and protect potential victims.</p>	<p>Department of Psychological Services 754-321-2490</p>
<b>Youth Mentoring Program</b>	<p><b>BCPS Mentors:</b> mentors work one-on-one with deserving students as a tutor, role model, guide, listener, confidant and friend. Mentors help bridge the gap between school and home by helping students deal with daily issues such as study skills, bullying, goal setting, diversity, college preparation etc.</p>	<p>www.getinvolvedinedu cation.com/mentors 754-321-1972</p>
<b>Guide(s)/ Manuals</b>	<p><b>Planting the Seeds of Prevention:</b> The Planting Seeds Of Prevention Book was created by Broward County Public School's Office of Prevention to serve as a teaching tool and a one stop shop for all your prevention needs. The prevention curriculum is organized into the 4 strands of prevention: health and wellness, violence prevention, substance abuse prevention and instructional strategies. Within each strand there are specialized lessons related to each area of prevention. For example, in lessons on dating violence can be found under Violence. Every strand has lessons for both primary and secondary grades. Many of the lessons can be utilized as white board interactive and contain links to the web – as either a resource or a link to a downloadable video.</p> <p><b>Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Critical Resource Guide:</b> Administrator's "best practice" guide for addressing the needs of LGBTQ youth.</p>	<p>Hardcopy provided to every Prevention Liaison, available electronically at browardprevention.org</p> <p>Call DPI 754-321- 1655 for more Information</p>