



# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT • OFFICE OF SCHOOL OPERATIONS

## INCIDENT SYSTEM TRACKING ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT (iSTAR) ISSUE TYPES DEFINITIONS

**Abduction/Kidnapping** - Every person who forcibly, or by any other means of instilling fear, steals or takes, or holds, detains, or arrests any person in this state, and carries the person into another country, state, or county, or into another part of the same county, is guilty of kidnapping.

**Accident** - An unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance.

**Altercation** - Angry or heated argument or quarrel (not physical).

**Arrest** - Taking a person into custody, in a case and in the manner authorized by law. An arrest may be made by a peace officer or by a private person.

**Assault/Battery** - An unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another. A battery is any willful and unlawful use of force or violence upon the person of another.

**Bullying** – Any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including electronic communications, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils, directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have one or more of the following effects on a reasonable pupil:

- (1) Reasonable fear of harm to person or property of pupil(s)
- (2) Substantially detrimental effect on physical or mental health of pupil(s)
- (3) Substantial interference with academic performance
- (4) Substantial interference with ability to participate in or benefit from school services, activities, or privileges

**Cyberbullying** - Is bullying by electronic act, which includes transmission of a communication by text, sound, social network activity, image, video, message, post on a web site, or other form of communication sent by an electronic device. See impact criteria under Bullying definition.

**Indirect** - The use of intimidation or peer pressure to cause harm to a third party(ies). See impact criteria under Bullying definition.

**Nonverbal** - The use of threatening gestures, staring, stalking, graffiti or graphic images, or destruction of property to cause distress, intimidation, discomfort, pain, or humiliation See impact criteria under Bullying definition.

**Physical** - The intentional, unwelcome act of beating, biting, fighting, hitting, kicking, poking, punching, pushing, shoving, spitting, or tripping. See impact criteria under Bullying definition.

**Social** - Spreading rumors, manipulating relationships, exclusion, blackmailing, isolation, rejecting, using peer pressure, or ranking personal characteristics See impact criteria under Bullying definition.

**Verbal** - Hurtful gossiping, making rude noises, name-calling, spreading rumors, or teasing. See impact criteria under Bullying definition.

**Burglary** - Any entry of a building with the intent to commit a theft or felony.

**Child Annoyance** - An act of irritating or distracting. It is a source of vexation or nuisance by an adult toward a minor.

**Custody Issue** - The right of guardianship, care, control, and maintenance of a child especially such a right granted by a court.

**Death** - The permanent cessation of all vital bodily functions.

**Discrimination/Harassment** - Discrimination is different treatment on the basis of a protected category in the context of an educational program or activity, without a legitimate nondiscriminatory reason, that interferes with or limits the ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or privileges provided by the District.

Discriminatory Harassment is (1) target subjected to unwelcome conduct related to a protected category; (2) the harassment was both subjectively offensive to the target and would be offensive to a reasonable person of the same age and characteristics in the same circumstances; and (3) harassment was sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent so as to interfere with or limit a student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities or opportunities offered by the school.

**Disability** - (A) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of such individual; (B) a record of such an impairment; or (C) being regarded as having such an impairment.

**Gender/Gender Expression/Gender Identity** - includes a person's gender identity and gender expression; a person's gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth; a person's innate, deeply felt psychological identification as male or female, which may or may not correspond to individual's biological condition of being male or female

**Race/Ethnicity/Nationality** - Includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, ethnic background, citizenship, country of origin, and national origin. (EC sections 212, 212.1)

**Religion** - Includes all aspects of religious belief, observance and practice and includes agnosticism and atheism.

**Sexual Harassment** - Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, visual, or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Both males and females can be targets and perpetrators of sexual harassment.

**Sex Orientation** - Sexual orientation is a person's emotional and sexual attraction to another person based on the gender of the other person. Common terms used to describe sexual orientation include, but are not limited to heterosexual, lesbian, gay, and bisexual. Sexual behavior may not necessarily align with sexual orientation.

**Disruption** - Egregious disorderly conduct or act of troubling or annoying someone or disrupting school-side/ District programs or activities.

**Fighting** - (1) Any person who unlawfully fights in a public place or challenges another person in a public place to fight. (2) Any person who maliciously and willfully disturbs another person by loud and unreasonable noise. (3) Any person who uses offensive words in a public place which are inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction.

**Fraud Allegation** - Is an intentional [deception](#) made for personal gain or to damage another individual, District property or activity.

**Hate Violence** - A criminal act (threat, injury, use of force, damage or destruction of property) committed in whole or in part, because of one or more actual or perceived characteristics of the victim: Disability; gender, nationality; race or ethnicity; religion; sexual orientation; association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

**Hazing** - A method of initiation or pre-initiation into a pupil organization or body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by an educational institution, which is likely to cause serious bodily injury or personal degradation or disgrace resulting in physical or mental harm to a former, current, or prospective pupil. For purposes of this subdivision, "hazing" does not include athletic events or school-sanctioned events.

**Illegal/Controlled Substance** - Possession or use of illegal drugs including alcohol, tobacco, and other intoxicants on campus and at school activities.

**Inappropriate Conduct** - Inappropriate sexual or non-sexual incidents involving an employee; employee-to-student misconduct.

**Intergroup Conflict** - A conflict that occurs between two or more persons representing different groups. Group identity may be defined a source of pride, self-esteem and belonging based on shared traits such as race, ethnicity, culture, gang/crew association, religion, political ideology, or other socially defined commonality.

**Lockdown** - To keep students indoors in order to provide a greater level of protection or as a security measure

**Loitering** - To stand idly about; linger aimlessly.

**Medical** - Event requiring treatment or medical attention such as asthma, faint, chest pain, intoxication, illness, diabetes, seizure, shock, etc.

**Missing/Runaway** - A disappearance of a person which is possibly not voluntary, or a person whose whereabouts are unknown

**Possession of Illegal Weapons** - Any person, except a duly appointed peace officer as defined in Penal Code 626.10, who brings or possesses any dirk, dagger, ice pick, knife having a blade longer than 2 1/2 inches, folding knife with a blade that locks into place, razor with an unguarded blade, taser, or stun gun.



**Robbery** - Felonious taking of personal property in the possession of another, from his person or immediate presence, and against his will, accomplished by means of force or fear (different than burglary).

**Sex Crime/ Sexual Behavior-Inappropriate** - Inappropriate sexual behavior or sexual practices or sexual activities refers to the manner in which humans experience and express their sexuality.

**Physical** - Includes [rape](#), [incest](#), sexual relations with children ([pedophilia](#)), possession of child pornography, [voyeurism](#) (Peeping Tom), [exhibitionism](#) and other inappropriate physical sexual behavior.

**Verbal** - Obscene phone calls, explicit sexual propositions, sexual innuendos and other verbal behavior of a sexual nature.

**Shelter In Place** - Staying indoors to avoid hazardous material/ elements.

**Shooting** - Any discharge of a firearm.

### **Suicidal Behavior**

**5150/Hospitalization** - Involuntary/voluntary psychiatric hold of an individual who is assessed to pose a risk to self or others. *A Risk Assessment Referral Data (RARD) report must be completed if the incident is centered around or involves the behavior of a student.*

**Self-Injury/Cutting** - Indicators include frequent or unexplained bruises, scars, cuts or burns; bruises on the neck, headaches, red eyes, ropes/ties/belts as a sign of the "Choking Game;" possession of sharp implements; evidence of self-injury in work samples; and risk taking behaviors, such as substance use or sexual acting out. *A Risk Assessment Referral Data (RARD) report must be completed if the incident is centered around or involves the behavior of a student.*

**Suicidal Behavior/Ideation (non-injury)** - Any observable behavior or statement (verbal, written, drawing) that may signal the presence of suicidal thinking, including previous suicidal behaviors; the behavior/ideation does not result in physical injury to the student. *A Risk Assessment Referral Data (RARD) report must be completed if the incident is centered around or involves the behavior of a student.*

**Suicidal Behavior/Ideation (resulting in injury)** - Any observable behavior or statement (verbal, written, drawing) that may signal the presence of suicidal thinking, including previous suicidal behaviors; the behavior/ideation results in physical injury to the student. *A Risk Assessment Referral Data (RARD) report must be completed if the incident is centered around or involves the behavior of a student.*

**Theft** - Every person who shall feloniously steal, take, carry, lead, or drive away the personal property of another, or who shall fraudulently appropriate property which has been entrusted to him or her, or who shall knowingly and designedly, by any false or fraudulent representation or pretense, defraud any other person of money, labor or real or personal

property, or who causes or procures others to report falsely of his or her wealth or mercantile character and by thus imposing upon any person, obtains credit and thereby fraudulently gets or obtains possession of money, or property or obtains the labor or service of another, is guilty of theft.

**Threat** - Any person who willfully threatens to commit a crime which will result in death or great bodily injury to another person, with the specific intent that the statement, made verbally, in writing, or by means of an electronic communication device, is to be taken as a threat, even if there is no intent of actually carrying it out, which, on its face and under the circumstances in which it is made, is so unequivocal, unconditional, immediate, and specific as to convey to the person threatened, a gravity of purpose and an immediate prospect of execution of the threat, and thereby causes that person reasonably to be in sustained fear for his or her own safety or for his or her immediate family's safety.

**Trespass** – An unlawful intrusion.

**Trauma/Violence Exposure** – Traumatic events are experiences that threaten life or physical integrity that overwhelm one's capacity to cope, tending to evoke feelings of fear and helplessness.

***Community Violence-*** Includes witnessing or experiencing severe violence, experiencing a severe motor vehicle accident or house fire, or being physically injured

***Familial Violence*** - Includes witnessing or experiencing domestic disputes and/or violence that occurs in the home between family members.

***Grief/Loss/Death*** - Includes the sudden loss of a loved one, generally as a result of sudden onset illness, violence, or suicide. This also includes sudden severe illness of self or loved one.

***Natural/Man-made Disasters*** - Includes earthquakes, severe weather events, fires, or terrorist acts.

**Walkout/Demonstration** - The action of leaving campus or office without administrative consent in order to express disapproval.

**Weapon** - Any instrument which is used in a threatening manner against another person with the intent and the ability to cause great bodily injury. Such objects may include, but are not limited to, guns, knives (having a blade longer than 2 ½ inches), rocks, screwdrivers, or scissors.