Student-Educator Interactions Behavioral Guidelines

Green Light Behaviors —

- Humor and friendly comments
- Compliments that are not overly personal
- Offers to assist
- Talk to all students in a consistent manner
- When alone with a student, make sure the door is open
- Treat all students in a consistent manner
- Do not spend a majority of your time with one student or a single group of students
- Touch all students in a consistent manner and in safe areas—head, shoulders, upper back, arms and hands
- Educate all students and parents about sexual misconduct, using approved developmental, cultural, and socially appropriate materials

Yellow Light Behaviors — may be misconstrued and should be eliminated

- Singling out students for favors
- Overly personal cards, notes, emails, texts, or yearbook inscriptions
- Teasing that references gender or contains sexual innuendo

Red Light Behaviors —Inappropriate unless specifically part of educational or counseling program

- Frequent touching of student
- Comments about student's body
- Being alone in a locked room or private vehicle with a student
- Talking about a student's sexuality
- Allowing student's to sit on your lap
- Flirtatious texts, emails, notes, other communications

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