

**Policy Name:** Bias and Hate Crimes - SCHS  
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**I. Policy**

Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) seeks to foster a safe environment conducive to learning and the free exchange of ideas. Any offense motivated by bias and hate will not be tolerated.

**II. Purpose**

Establish a framework aimed at preventing and addressing incidents of bias and hate related crimes within SCHS community.

**III. Scope**

This policy applies to all SCHS associates, students, and visitors.

**IV. Definitions**

None.

**V. Policy Details**

Bias-related incidents are behaviors which constitute an expression of hostility against the person or property of another because of the targeted person's race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, gender, gender identity, age, or disability status, or inclusion in any group protected by law. The incidents as depicted below will be cause for action:

1. Intentionally selects the person against whom the offense is committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct.

2. Intentionally commits the act or acts constituting the offense in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct.

**Hate Crime Examples**

May include, but are not limited to, threatening phone calls, hate mail (including electronic mail), physical assaults, verbal assaults, vandalism, destruction of property, intimidation, and larceny. SCHS is required to report statistical incidence of hate crimes that occur within its Clery Geography as defined in policy ADM 9.03 Annual Security Report. Penalties for bias-related crimes are very serious and range from fines to imprisonment for lengthy periods, depending on the nature of the underlying criminal offense, the use of violence or previous conviction of the offender. Associate or students who commit bias crimes are also subject to disciplinary procedures where a range of sanctions is available both up to and including suspension, expulsion, or termination of employment.

In order to effectively handle and investigate incidents of bias related crimes and prevent future occurrences of such crimes, victims or witnesses of a hate crime are encouraged to immediately report incidents to a college official. Incidents related to Title IX will be handled as described in policy ADM 9.06 Title IX Sexual Harassment.

**VI. Attachments**

None.

**VII. Related Policies**

ADM 9.03 Annual Security Report  
ADM 9.06 Title IX Sexual Harassment.

**VIII. Disclaimers**

Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Southside College of Health Sciences (SCHS) and any party. SCHS, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

**IX. Version Control**

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1.0	8/1/2021	Revised and new template	RHEI Leadership Team