

## **Student Protection Policy Self-Assessment**

The following checklist is only a preliminary assessment tool. Your policies will need a more thorough evaluation of each area in conjunction with local laws and standards. Please consult your attorney/consultant or contact Taylor English for more in-depth assistance.

Yes	No	Policies
		Do you communicate how your student protection policy is grounded in your school's mission?
		Do you screen all paid staff, volunteers, and interns? Does your application include a waiver for screening and an acknowledgement of the importance of your school's student protection policy?
		Does that screening include criminal reference checks, personal references, and individual interviews of the applicant?
		If you cannot screen all adults who may come in contact with students (e.g., competitions open to the public), do you have supervision policies in place to protect students?
		Does your school encourage positive interactions between individuals?
		Does your school have clear guidelines about acceptable boundaries between students and between students and adults?
		Does your school have clear rules about acceptable contact off-campus or via social media and email?
		Does your school have clear rules about what constitutes bullying?
		Does your school have clear consequences for violation of rules about boundaries, off-campus contact, and bullying?
		Do you have clear rules for field trips and overnight trips, including supervision, adult-to-child ratios, and transportation?
		Does your school have clear procedures for reporting concerns of inappropriate behavior?
		Does your school have clear procedures for responding to reports of inappropriate behavior? Do those procedures include responding to media inquiries?
		Do you train all employees, volunteers, and interns about your state's mandatory reporting responsibilities?
		Does your physical plant ensure clear sight lines for supervision of students?
		Do you control access to your facility and have a procedure for monitoring outside people while on the premises?
		Do you have secure procedures for releasing students to their parents and third parties?
		Do you have insurance coverage that clearly covers child abuse claims?
		Does your insurance coverage cover defamation claims from reports of child abuse to child protection authorities?