

GROTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GROTON, CONNECTICUT

BULLYING REPORTING FORM

The Groton Public Schools maintains a firm policy prohibiting bullying. Bullying is defined as the repeated use by one or more students of a written, oral or electronic communication, such as cyber bullying, directed at or referring to another student attending school in the same school district, or a physical act or gesture by one or more students repeatedly directed at another student attending school in the same school district that:

- a. Causes physical or emotional harm to such student or damage to such student's property,
- b. Places such student in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself, or of damage to his or her property,
- c. Creates a hostile environment at school for such student,
- d. Infringes on the rights of such student at school, or
- e. Substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school.

Bullying shall include, but is not be limited to, a written, oral or electronic communication or physical act or gesture based on any actual or perceived differentiating characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, academic status, physical appearance, or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability, or by association with an individual or group who has or is perceived to have one or more of such characteristics. Bullying may take many forms, such as but not limited to:

1. Physical violence and attacks;
2. Taunts, name-calling or put-downs or discriminatory slurs;
3. Targeting of a student based upon that person's actual or perceived "differentiating characteristics" such as race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, religion, national or ethnic background, disability, physical appearance, socioeconomic status, or a student's association with a person or group who has or is perceived to have one or more of such characteristics;
4. Threats and intimidation;
5. Extortion or stealing of money and possessions;
6. Cyber bullying.

Cyber bullying means any act of bullying through the use of the Internet, interactive and digital technologies, cellular mobile telephone or other mobile electronic devices or any electronic communications.

Complainant: _____
Home Address: _____
Work Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____
Date of Alleged Incident(s): _____
Name of person(s) you believe committed an act(s) of bullying: _____
List any witnesses that were present: _____
Where did the incident(s) occur? _____

Describe the incident(s) as clearly as possible, including what form of bullying took place, refer to numbers 1-6 above:

Did the incident occur on or off school property: Yes ___ No ___
Was the incident based on sex? Yes ___ No ___
Was the incident based on race, color, or national origin? Yes ___ No ___
Was the incident based on disability? Yes ___ No ___

This complaint is filed based on my honest belief that _____ has committed an act of bullying. I hereby certify that the information I have provided in this complaint is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

_____	_____
Complainant Signature	Date
_____	_____
Building Administrator Signature	Date