



BEEKMANTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian:

The Dignity for All Students Act:

In enacting the Dignity Act in 2010, the Legislature found that “a student’s ability to learn and to meet high academic standards, and a school’s ability to educate its students are compromised by incidents of discrimination or harassment including bullying, taunting or intimidation” (Education Law §10).

There is an expectation that schools promote a positive school culture that encourages interpersonal and intergroup respect among students and between students and staff.

At Beekmantown Central School District:

Any student engaging in the harassment of a child will be processed based on the Beekmantown Central School District Student Code of Conduct for their school building, along with other possible interventions such as reteaching and training.

For any target (victim) of bullying or harassment, our school district per DASA legislation, creates a safety plan with input from the parents/guardians and student, along with circumstances surrounding the incident and aggressor, to ensure that the victim feels safe in their learning environment. This can include but is not limited to:

- alternate locker placement
- schedule changes
- pass permissions
- escorting to and from specific places or periods (this can be for the victim or aggressor)
- any other reasonable request from parent/guardian or target (victim)

All students are given a procedure to follow to directly report incidents of further aggression to the DASA Building Coordinator to ensure immediate intervention. We take all reports of bullying or harassment very seriously and will take all precautions necessary to ensure that all students feel safe at our school. If you have any further questions regarding your child’s case of bullying or harassment, please feel free to contact me at manney.dave@bcsdk12.org or by phone at 518-563-8787.

DASA Building Coordinators

Matthew Bezio, Principal of Beekmantown High School
Duffy Nelson, Principal Beekmantown Middle School
Darcy Stoutenger, Principal Cumberland Head Elementary School
Melissa Barcomb, Principal Beekmantown Elementary School

Sincerely,

David Manney
DASA District Coordinator