

LENAPE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: BULLYING/ CYBER
BULLYING

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1. Purpose	The Joint Operating Committee is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for students. The Joint Operating Committee recognizes that bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, detracts from the safe environment necessary for student learning, and may lead to more serious violence. Therefore, the Joint Operating Committee prohibits bullying by district students.
2. Definitions	<p>Bullying means an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students, which occurs in a school setting that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Substantially interfering with a student’s education. 2. Creating a threatening environment. 3. Substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. <p>Bullying, as defined in this policy, includes cyber bullying.</p> <p>School setting means in the school, on school grounds, in school provided vehicles, at designated bus stops, or at any school-sponsored activity regardless of the activity’s location.[1]</p>
3. Authority	<p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits all forms of bullying by students.[1]</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee encourages students who believe they or others have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the building administrator or designee.</p> <p>Students are encouraged to use the school’s report form, available from the building administrator, or to put the complaint in writing; however, oral complaints shall be accepted and documented. The person accepting the complaint shall handle the report objectively, neutrally and professionally, setting aside personal biases that might favor or disfavor the student filing the complaint or those accused of a violation of this policy.</p>

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<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Joint Operating Committee directs that verbal and written complaints of bullying shall be investigated promptly, and appropriate corrective or preventative action shall be taken when allegations are substantiated. The Joint Operating Committee directs that any complaint of bullying brought pursuant to this policy shall also be reviewed for conduct which may not be proven to be bullying under this policy but merits review and possible action under other Joint Operating Committee policies.</p> <p>When a student’s behavior indicates a threat to the safety of the student, other students, school employees, school facilities, the community or others, staff shall report the student to the threat assessment team, in accordance with applicable law and Joint Operating Committee policy. [2][3]</p> <p><u>Title IX Sexual Harassment and Other Discrimination</u></p> <p>Every report of alleged bullying that can be interpreted at the outset to fall within the provisions of policies addressing potential violations of laws against discrimination and discriminatory harassment shall be handled as a joint, concurrent investigation into all allegations and coordinated with the full participation of the Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator. If, in the course of a bullying investigation, potential issues of discrimination or discriminatory harassment are identified, the Title IX Coordinator shall be promptly notified, and the investigation shall be conducted jointly and concurrently to address the issues of alleged discrimination as well as the incidents of alleged bullying.[4][5]</p> <p><u>Confidentiality</u></p> <p>Confidentiality of all parties, witnesses, the allegations, the filing of a complaint and the investigation shall be handled in accordance with applicable law, regulations, this policy and the school’s legal and investigative obligations.</p> <p><u>Retaliation</u></p> <p>Reprisal or retaliation relating to reports of bullying or participation in an investigation of allegations of bullying is prohibited and shall be subject to disciplinary action.</p> <p>Each staff member shall be responsible to maintain an educational environment free of bullying and cyber bullying.</p> <p>Each student shall be responsible to respect the rights of others and to ensure an atmosphere free from bullying.</p> <p>Any employee who receives a written or verbal bullying or cyber bullying complaint/report shall submit the complaint/report to the building administrator or designee.</p>
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<p>5. Guidelines</p>	<p>The building administrator or designee shall investigate the alleged conduct and complaint.</p> <p>The building administrator or designee shall inform the parents/guardians of the victim and person accused.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy. [1]</p> <p>The Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director shall ensure that this policy and administrative regulations are reviewed annually with students.[1]</p> <p>The Administrative Director or appropriate personnel designated by the Administrative Director, in cooperation with other appropriate administrators, shall review this policy every three (3) years and recommend necessary revisions to the Joint Operating Committee.</p> <p>School Administration shall annually provide the following information with the Safe School Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint Operating Committee’s Bullying Policy. 2. Report of bullying incidents. 3. Information on the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention or education programs. <p>The Code of Student Conduct, which shall contain this policy, shall be disseminated annually to students. [1][6][7]</p> <p>This policy shall be accessible in every classroom. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within the school building and on the school’s web site. [1]</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>The school shall develop, implement and evaluate bullying prevention and intervention programs and activities. Such programs and activities shall provide staff and students with appropriate training for effectively responding to, intervening in and reporting incidents of bullying.[1][8][9][10]</p> <p><u>Consequences for Violations</u></p> <p>A student who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Student Conduct, which may include: [1][7][11]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling within the school
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- Parental conference
- Loss of school privileges
- Exclusion from school-sponsored activities
- Detention
- Suspension
- Expulsion
- Referral to law enforcement officials

Legal References:

1. 24 P.S. 1303.1-a
2. 24 P.S. 1302-E
3. Pol. 236.1
4. Pol. 103
5. Pol. 103.1
6. 22 PA Code 12.3
7. Pol. 218
8. 24 P.S. 1302-A
9. Pol. 236
10. 20 U.S.C. 7118
11. Pol. 233

Pol. 113.1

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