



From the BCSC Student Handbook: The BCSC policy on Bullying

Bullying is prohibited by Brownsburg Community School Corporation and Indiana Code 20-33-8-0.2. Students who commit any acts of bullying are subject to discipline including but not limited to suspension, expulsion, arrest, and/or prosecution.

Bullying is defined as overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner (including digitally or electronically); physical acts committed; aggression; or any other behaviors committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student, creating for the targeted student an objectively hostile student environment that places the targeted student in reasonable fear or harm to his or her person or property; has a substantially detrimental effect on the targeted student's physical or mental health; has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's academic performance; or has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the school.

This policy may be applied, regardless of the physical location in which the bullying behavior occurred, whenever the individual committing the bullying behavior and any of the intended targets of the bullying behavior are students attending school within Brownsburg Community School Corporation and disciplinary action is reasonably necessary to avoid substantial interference with school discipline or prevent an unreasonable threat to the rights of others to a safe and peaceful learning environment. Brownsburg Community School Corporation prohibits bullying through the use of data or computer software that is accessed through any computer, computer system or computer network.

Hazing is defined as any willful act or practice by a member or associate member, directed against a member or associate member, which, with or without intent, is likely to: cause bodily harm or danger, offensive punishment, or disturbing pain, compromise the person's dignity; cause embarrassment or shame in public; cause the person to be the object of malicious amusement or ridicule; cause psychological harm or substantial emotional strain; or impair academic efforts. Bullying and hazing will follow a similar disciplinary track.

Students who engage in bullying behavior shall be subject to a range of punishment with progressive discipline, and parents shall be notified and involved in the educational component of the training as a part of the consequence.

- **Cyberbullying will not be tolerated.** Harassing, dissing, flaming, denigrating, impersonating, outing, tricking, excluding, and cyberstalking are all examples of cyberbullying. Don't send emails or post comments with the intent of scaring, hurting, or intimidating someone else. Engaging in these behaviors, or any online activities intended to harm (physically or emotionally) another person, will result in severe disciplinary action and loss of privileges. In some cases, cyberbullying can be a crime.

Incidents of bullying should be reported to the administrative or guidance office or to any teacher so that an administrator or guidance counselor can properly investigate the situation.