

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT
Salem, Connecticut

STUDENTS

CYBERBULLYING

The Salem Board of Education prohibits the use of computer systems, electronic communications and the Internet, whether accessed on campus or off campus, during or after school hours, for the purpose of bullying. "Bullying" means the repeated use by one or more students of a written, oral or electronic communication, such as cyberbullying, 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: causes physical or emotional harm to such student or damage to such student's property; places such student in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself, or of damage to his or her property; creates a hostile environment at school for such student; infringes on the rights of such student at school; or substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school. "Cyberbullying" 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. Hate mail, discriminatory remarks, sexual harassment or other antisocial electronic communications are expressly prohibited. All such conduct is unacceptable and viewed as a violation of this policy and the District's acceptable computer use policy and procedures.

Students who believe they have been the victims of such misuses of technology, as described in this policy, are encouraged to report such actions to the Building Administrator. The administration shall investigate all reports of cyberbullying.

Students engaging in conduct in violation of this policy may be subject to discipline in accordance with the District's student discipline policy. Investigations will be conducted in accordance with the District's bullying/harassment policies. A student who redistributes inappropriate content, as previously described, may also be subject to disciplinary action.

Disciplinary actions for conduct that violates this policy may include, but are not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, access to extracurricular activities, detention, suspension, or expulsion

In addition, when any kind of threat is communicated or when a hate crime is committed or for other serious violations as determined by the administration, the administration shall report such conduct to local law officials.

(cf. 0521 – Nondiscrimination)

(cf. 5114 – Removal/Suspension/Expulsion)

(cf. 5131 – Student Conduct)

(cf. 5131.2 – Bullying)

(cf. 5145.4 – Equal Education Opportunity)

(cf. 5145.5 – Sexual Harassment)

(cf. 5145.52 – Harassment)

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