

CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is, but is not limited to, any act of bullying committed by use of electronic technology or electronic communication devices, including telephonic devices, social networking and other internet communications, on school computers, networks, forums and mailing lists, or other district-owned property, and by means of an individual's personal electronic media and equipment.

HARASSMENT

Harassment is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that is disturbing or threatening to another student or group of students. Intentional behaviors that characterize harassment include, but are not limited to, stalking, hazing, social exclusion, name calling, unwanted physical contact, and unwelcome verbal or written comments, photographs or graphics. Harassment may be related, but not limited to race, religious orientation, sexual preference, cultural background, economic status, size or personal appearance. Harassing behaviors can be direct or indirect and by use of social media.

INTIMIDATION

Intimidation is intentional behavior by a student or group of students that places another student or group of students in fear of harm to person or property. Intimidation can be manifested emotionally or physically, either directly or indirectly, and by use of social media.

PROHIBITIONS AND DISCIPLINE

Students are prohibited from any of the behaviors listed above on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

Disciplinary action may result for any of the behaviors listed above on school grounds, school property, school buses, at school bus stops, at school sponsored events and activities, and through the use of electronic technology or electronic communication equipment on school computers, networks, forums, or mailing lists.

REPORTING INCIDENTS OF BULLYING

A student who is experiencing bullying, or believes another student is experiencing bullying, is to report the situation to the principal or another school employee. A school employee who becomes aware of or suspects a student is being bullied shall immediately notify the school administrator. School personnel shall maintain confidentiality of the reported information.

Step 1: Report the situation directly to the office or to a trusted adult. The initial report can be verbal, but a written report of events will be needed as well, complete this form to report any incident.

Step 2: The Principal, Assistant Principal, or Principal's designee will provide the student with a copy of student rights protections and any support services available. The parent/guardian will be notified of the report from the student.

Step 3: The allegation will be investigated to determine if the incident meets the criteria/definitions listed above. Depending on the investigation, a mediation of the individuals involved may be necessary. If the allegation of bullying, harassment, intimidation and/or cyberbullying prove to follow the definitions/criteria, the school will take immediate disciplinary action.