

BPIP Summary + resources for families



BULLYING PREVENTION + INTERVENTION PLAN (BPIP)

SUMMARY 2024



PURPOSE OF BPIP

The Wilmington Public Schools Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan (BPIP) meets the requirements of M.G.L. c. 71, §370.

The BPIP is modeled after the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Model Plan for dealing with bullying behaviors in our schools.

The BPIP includes strategies for identifying, reporting, and responding to bullying behaviors.



DEFINITION OF BULLYING

As defined in M.G.L. c. 71, § 370, is the repeated use by one or more students or by a member of school staff including, but not limited to, an educator, administrator, school nurse, cafeteria worker, custodian, bus driver, athletic coach, advisor to an extracurricular activity or paraprofessional of a written, verbal, or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture or any combination thereof, directed at a target that:

- Causes physical or emotional harm to the target or damage to the target's property;
- Places the target in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself or of damage to his or her property;
- Creates a hostile environment at school for the target;
- Infringes on the rights of the target at school; or
- Materially and substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school.



ACCESS TO RESOURCES & SERVICES

The district's BPIP includes strategies for providing support and services necessary to meet the needs of students and their families (interventions, counseling, referrals).



BULLYING CURRICULUM

The district consults with the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) at Bridgewater State University, a center that delivers anti-violence and anti-bullying programs, resources, and research for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



REPORTING & RESPONDING

The district has policies and procedures in place for receiving and responding to reports of bullying or retaliation.

Reports of bullying or retaliation may be made by staff, students, parents or guardians, or others, and may be oral or written.

The principal or his/her designee will investigate all reports of bullying or retaliation and in doing so, will consider all information known, including the nature of the allegation(s) and the ages of the students involved.



RESOURCES

- [WPS Bullying + Harassment](#) (School Committee Policy, BPIP, Bullying Incident Form)
- [MARC For Parents](#)
- [Bullying Resources for Parents](#)