



<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>g. Any other behavior or acts which has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education, creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment, or substantially disrupts the orderly operations of the school.</p> <p>Complaints of bullying shall be investigated promptly, and corrective action shall be taken when a complaint is verified. Neither reprisals nor retaliation shall occur as a result of the submission of a complaint.</p> <p>The school district shall annually inform students that the bullying of students will not be tolerated.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall develop and promulgate an administrative regulation pertaining to bullying that does the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Delineate disciplinary consequences for bullying.</li><li>2. Identify staff person to receive reports of alleged bullying.</li><li>3. Define bullying to include acts that occur outside of a school setting if those acts, directed at another student, are severe, persistent and pervasive and have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education, create a threatening environment, or substantially disrupting the operation of the school.</li><li>4. Set forth posting requirements for this policy and the regulation.</li><li>5. Otherwise comply with the law.</li></ol> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302-A, 1303.1-A</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3</p> <p>Board Policy – 218, 233, 236, 248</p>
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**Attachment A – District Website Posting**

**Pupil Bullying**

The development and maintenance of self-discipline is an integral aspect of learning. Efforts at such development are not only critical to a student's growth as a learner, but are essential to maintain a school climate that encourages learning for all students. As such, the bullying of a student by other students will not be tolerated within the School District.

Board Policy and Regulation 249, Bullying, provides information on the subject of bullying within the District. This policy is extended to the transportation of students to and from school. No student should be in an environment that makes him/her feel unsafe, intimidated, or abused. It is the practice of the School District to maintain an environment in which bullying in any form is not tolerated. **Students engaging in this behavior may be subject to disciplinary actions including but not limited to: loss of bus riding privileges, parent conference, detention, suspension, or expulsion from school, and police referral.**

*Definition of Bullying*

Bullying includes systematic harassment, attacks or intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical acts, perpetrated by a student or group of students, on another student or students, which meets all of the following criteria:

- a) occur during the school day, on school property, on a school bus, or at a school-sponsored activity or event
- b) are severe, persistent or pervasive; and
- c) include any written, verbal, or physical act including but not limited to:
  - Written intimidating/threatening, and/or demeaning letters, notes, messages, emails and/or any other electronic means.
  - Verbally intimidating/threatening comments, slurs, innuendos, or taunting
  - Visual gestures
  - Physical hitting, slapping, kicking, and pinching, etc.
  - Making reprisals, threats of reprisal, or implied threats of reprisal, social isolation or manipulation of a student
  - Engaging in implicit or explicit coercive behavior to control, influence, or affect the health and well-being of a student
  - Any other behavior or acts which has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education, creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment, or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school

*Bullying Procedures*

Reporting Procedures

1. Each building administrator will identify a staff person responsible for receiving reports of and documenting alleged bullying and publicize that information as set forth below.
2. The staff person responsible for receiving reports of bullying will document and investigate each alleged incident and report to the building administrator.
3. Annually, the building administrator will compile a report for the District administration to be incorporated into the District safety report to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Disciplinary Consequences

Disciplinary consequences will be based on the seriousness and repetitiveness of the behavior and may include the following

1. Parent conference;
2. Loss of privileges, including limitations on participation in extracurricular activities;
3. External suspension;
4. Risk assessment; and
5. Police contact.

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## Attachment C – Middle School Classroom Posting BULLYING

### **What is Bullying?**

Sometimes a student can be a bully because of his or her words and sometimes a student can be a bully because of his or her actions. A student is being a bully if he or she...

Says hurtful, demeaning things to you or calls you names.

Says scary things to you a lot because they want to make you feel frightened.

Tells you they are going to hurt you or threatens you.

Teases or taunts you a lot, especially if you asked the student to stop.

Tells other people bad things about you.

Tells other students not to play with you, talk to you, be around you, or include you.

Writes you a lot of mean, threatening, demeaning letters or email messages.

Makes cruel faces at you on purpose.

Hits, kicks, slaps, punches, or pinches you on purpose.

Tries to hurt your body in any way.

Forces you or somehow gets you to do something that you do not want to do.

Tells you lies a lot that make you feel upset.

Makes you feel like you do not want to come to school or like you cannot concentrate in school.

### **What Should You Do if You are Being Bullied?**

If you think that someone is bullying you, you should tell your teacher or an adult at school immediately.

### **What Will the School Do?**

Sometimes the school will decide to have a meeting with the bully's parents.

Sometimes the school will take privileges away from the bully including school activities.

Sometimes the bully will be suspended from school.

Sometimes the police will need to talk to the bully, especially if the bully threatened someone or tried to hurt someone.