

Bullying Policy

The district will not tolerate any bullying, intimidation, or (sexual) harassment. Bullying is contrary to State law and the policy of the school district. Some examples of bullying are face-to-face, through a phone, or online.

No person can be harassed, bullied, or intimidated due to their race, size, gender, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or physical/mental disabilities.

Bullying is any severe, pervasive, verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or electronically (on school premises or the threat is related to school), directed toward a student over a period of time that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of; (1) Placing the student in harm; (2) Causing effect on the student's physical or mental health; (3) Interferes with the student's academic performance; (4) Interferes with the student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by the school.

Examples of prohibited conduct include, without limitation, any use of violence, intimidation, force, noise, coercion, threats, stalking, sexual harassment, public humiliation, theft, or destruction of property, retaliation, hazing, bullying, bullying through the transmission of information from a school computer, a school computer network, or similar electronic school equipment, or other comparable conduct.

Students who believe they are victims of bullying will have the option to discuss the matter with a designated teacher, administrator, or the school counselor. Complaints will be kept confidential to the extent possible given the need to investigate. Students who make good faith complaints will not be disciplined.

Any student who is guilty of bullying could have consequences of suspension, expulsion, or the school's discipline policy. Parents of the students will be notified. Any student making a knowingly false accusation regarding harassment may also be subject to disciplinary consequences.