

BULLYING

Is defined as intimidation of groups or individuals that creates a hostile environment in which people fear for their physical and emotional well-being. Cyber Bullying is the use electronic device such as computers or the Internet to spread rumors, pictures, polls etc. that creates a hostile environment.

It is a violation of school policy for any person; student, employee or visitor, to engage in this type of activity in any manner. Violation of this policy shall result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension by the district and possible intervention by law enforcement officials. Bullying is a Level 2 offense of the school discipline cycle and may be grounds for long-term suspension or expulsion depending on the severity of the offense.

Examples of Bullying include but are not limited to:

1. Physical assault or threat of physical assault or damage to property.
2. Intimidating language, a written note, or use of electronic media that is threatening or publicly embarrassing in nature.

Any person who believes that he/she has been bullied should discuss the problem with a staff member of his/her choice. Regardless of the mean selected to resolve the problem the report will not reflect on the complainant in any manner as to their school status. Strict confidentiality will be maintained throughout the complaint procedure.