

# CLEARFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: BULLYING/  
CYBERBULLYING

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249. BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING	
1. Purpose	The Board is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for district students. The Board recognizes that bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, detracts from the safe environment necessary for student learning, and may lead to more serious violence. Therefore, the Board prohibits bullying by district students.
2. Definitions SC 1303.1-A	<p><b>Bullying</b> is defined as when a student is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. <b>Bullying</b> includes an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students, which occurs in a school setting that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Substantial interference with a student's education.</li> <li>2. Creation of a threatening environment.</li> <li>3. Substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school.</li> </ol> <p><b>Bullying</b>, as defined in this policy, includes cyberbullying.</p>
SC 1303.1-A	<b>School setting</b> means in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a designated bus stop or at any activity sponsored, supervised or sanctioned by the school.
3. Authority SC 1303.1-A	<p>The Board prohibits all forms of bullying by district students.</p> <p>The Board encourages students who have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the building principal or designee.</p>



<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303.1-A Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 218</p>	<p>The Code of Student Conduct, which shall contain this policy, shall be disseminated annually to students.</p>
	<p>This policy shall be accessible in every classroom. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within each school building and on the district web site, if available.</p>
<p>SC 1302-A, 1303.1-A</p>	<p><u>Education</u></p> <p>The district may develop and implement bullying prevention and intervention programs. Such programs shall provide district staff and students with appropriate training for effectively responding to, intervening in and reporting incidents of bullying.</p>
<p>SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p><u>Consequences For Violations</u></p> <p>A student who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Student Conduct, which may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Counseling within the school.</li><li>2. Parental conference.</li><li>3. Loss of school privileges.</li><li>4. Transfer to another school building, classroom or school bus.</li><li>5. Exclusion from school-sponsored activities.</li><li>6. Detention.</li><li>7. Suspension.</li><li>8. Expulsion.</li><li>9. Counseling/Therapy outside of school.</li><li>10. Referral to law enforcement officials.</li></ol>

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302-A, 1303.1-A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3

Board Policy – 218, 233, 248