

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: BULLYING/
CYBERBULLYING

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249. BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING	
1. Purpose	<p>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.</p>
2. Definitions SC 1303.1-A	<p>Bullying means an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students, which occurs in a school setting and/or outside 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"> 1. Substantial interference with a student’s education. 2. Creation of a threatening environment. 3. Substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school. <p>Bullying, as defined in this policy, includes cyberbullying.</p>
SC 1303.1-A	<p>School setting 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.</p>
3. Authority SC 1303.1-A	<p>The Board prohibits all forms of bullying by district students.</p> <p>The Board encourages students, and parents/guardians of students, who have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the building principal or designee.</p> <p>The Board directs that complaints of bullying shall be investigated promptly, and corrective action shall be taken when allegations are verified. Confidentiality of all parties shall be maintained, consistent with the district’s legal and investigative obligations. No reprisals or retaliation shall occur as a result of good faith reports of bullying.</p>

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p>Each student shall be responsible to respect the rights of others and to ensure an atmosphere free from bullying.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that this policy and administrative regulations are reviewed annually with students.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee, in cooperation with other appropriate administrators, shall review this policy every three (3) years and recommend necessary revisions to the Board.</p> <p>District administration shall annually provide the following information with the Safe School Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board’s Bullying Policy. 2. Report of bullying incidents. 3. Information on the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention or education programs.
<p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>Title 22</p> <p>Sec. 12.3</p> <p>Pol. 218</p> <p>SC 1302-A,</p> <p>1303.1-A</p> <p>Pol. 236</p>	<p>The Student Code of 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 website, if available.</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. 113.1, 218, 233</p>	<p><u>Anonymous Complaints</u></p> <p>The availability for filing of anonymous complaints shall be provided to district students. Anonymous complaints shall be investigated and, based upon the information provided in the complaint, shall be reported in accordance with administrative regulations and Board policy. Due to the anonymous nature of such complaints, certain inherent limitations may apply.</p> <p><u>Safe School Hotline</u></p> <p>The district participates in the Safe School Hotline, a free and confidential reporting vehicle. Anyone may report incidents of concern by calling 1-800-4-1-VOICE, x359, which is 1-800-418-6423, x359, or by visiting www.safeschoolhelpline.com.</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 Student Code of Conduct, which may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Counseling within the school.2. Parental conference.3. Loss of school privileges.4. Transfer to another school building, classroom or school bus.5. Exclusion from school-sponsored activities.6. Detention.7. Suspension.8. Expulsion.9. Counseling/Therapy outside of school.10. Referral to law enforcement officials.
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<p>Pol. 235</p>	<p><u>Campus Climate Survey</u></p> <p>A campus climate survey may be distributed at least annually to district students. Such survey will allow the district to gauge student perspectives regarding campus safety. The survey shall be anonymous and conducted in accordance with administrative regulations and applicable Board policy.</p> <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 – 000, 113.1, 218, 233, 235, 236, 248</p>
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