

Bullying and Other Forms of Aggressive Behavior

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1. Causes mental or physical harm to the other student/school personnel; and
2. Is sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student/school personnel.
3. Violence within a dating relationship

Once a report has been received, the school will issue a review and investigate the situation. In the event that an act is verified as harassment, bullying, or intimidation, the school shall determine a course of intervention, any necessary disciplinary action, and notification to parent/guardian.

Any acts that may be considered as criminal misconduct or may be considered as child abuse will require reporting to the proper authorities.

Given the nature of harassing behavior, the school recognizes that false accusations can have serious effects on innocent individuals. Therefore, all students are expected to act responsibly, honestly, and with the utmost candor whenever they present harassment allegations or charges.

Hazing by any school group, club or team is not permitted. This includes any form of initiation that causes or creates a risk of causing mental or physical harm, no matter how willing the participant may be.



Anti-Bullying Pledge

Definition of Bullying

Bullying occurs when a student is aware that their repeated, unwanted behavior is hurting another student and continues the behavior.

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Student Pledge

I pledge to:

1. Value student differences and treat others with respect.
2. Not become involved in bullying incidents or be a bully.
3. Be aware of the school's policies and support system with regard to bullying.
4. Report honestly and immediately all incidents of bullying.
5. Be alert in places around school where there is less adult supervision such as bathrooms, hallways, stairwells, cafeteria (inside or walking to and from), physical education locker room, and the bus.
6. Support students who have been or are subjected to bullying.
7. Talk to teachers and parents about concerns and issues regarding bullying.
8. Work with other students and faculty to help the school deal with bullying effectively.
9. Serve as a positive role model for younger students and support them if bullying occurs.

I will report bullying directly to an administrator, faculty member, anti-bullying compliance officer or anonymously.

I can report bullying anonymously by:

- Online at www.safeschoolhelpline.com
- OR -
- **Call Safe School Helpline at 1-800-4-1-VOICE ext.359 (1-800-418-6423)**

I acknowledge that whether I am being bullied or see someone being bullied and if I don't report the bullying and allow it to continue without providing or getting help, I will be considered to be contributing to the problem.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Student Name (Last Name, First Name) _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please circle correct grade: K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

