

# CENTRAL YORK 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> 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"> <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, via any form of electronic communication including, but not limited to phone, Internet, e-mail, text messaging, chat rooms, and/or instant messages.</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 or are aware of bullying 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>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 may develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p>
<p>SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that this policy and administrative regulations are reviewed at least annually with students.</p>
<p>SC 1303.1-A</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>SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p>District administration shall annually provide the following information with the Safe School Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board’s Bullying Policy.</li> <li>2. Report of bullying incidents.</li> <li>3. Information on the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention or education programs.</li> </ol>
<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 every three (3) years to students.</p> <p><u>Distribution</u></p> <p>This policy shall be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Posted on the district’s publicly accessible Internet web site.</li> <li>2. Available in every district classroom.</li> </ol>

<p>SC 1302-A, 1303.1-A Pol. 236</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p>3. Posted at a prominent location in each school building where such notices are usually posted.</p> <p>4. Reviewed with students within ninety (90) days of adoption and at least once each school year.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>The district will develop and implement bullying prevention and intervention programs. Such programs will provide district staff and students with appropriate training for effectively responding to, intervening in and reporting incidents of bullying.</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 but not be limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Parental notification.</li><li>2. Detention.</li><li>3. Suspension.</li><li>4. Expulsion from school.</li></ol> <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, 218, 233, 236, 248</p>
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