

# MOUNT UNION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: STUDENTS

TITLE: BULLYING AND  
CYBERBULLYING

ADOPTION: September 27, 2010

248.1 BULLYING AND 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. The Board and civil law insists on respect for the dignity of the human person. Therefore, any type of bullying, is not tolerated.</p>
2. Definition 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 sever, 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>Bullying, as defined in this policy, includes cyberbullying.</p>
SC 1303.1-A	<p><b>School setting</b> means in a 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.	<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>
4. Delegation of Responsibility	

SC 1303.1-A	The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that this policy and administrative regulations are reviewed annually with students.
SC 1303.1-A	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.
SC 1303.1-A	District administration shall annually provide the following information with the Safe School Report:  <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>
5. Guidelines SC 1303.1-A Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 218	The Code of Student Conduct, which shall contain this policy, shall be disseminated annually to students.  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.  <u>Education</u>
SC 1302-A, 1303.1-A Pol. 236	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.  <u>Consequences For Violations</u>
SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233	A student who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Student Conduct, which may include:  <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Counseling within the school.</li><li>2. Parental conference.</li></ol>

3. Loss of school privileges.
4. Transfer to another classroom or school bus.
5. Exclusion from school-sponsored activities.
6. Detention, Intensive Supervision Classroom or IBAR.
7. Suspension.
8. Expulsion.
9. Counseling/Therapy outside of school.
10. Referral to law enforcement officials.

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, 236, 248