

McGUFFEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: BULLYING/
CYBERBULLYING

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">249. BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING</p> <p>The Board is committed to providing a safe and positive learning environment for all 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 strives to maintain an educational environment free from bullying.</p> <p>Bullying shall mean an intentional written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physically harming a student or placing a student in reasonable fear of physical harm. 2. Damaging, extorting, or taking a student’s personal property or placing a student in reasonable fear to loss of personal property. 3. Creating an intimidating or hostile environment that substantially interferes with a student’s educational opportunities. <p>Cyberbullying shall mean an intentional written, verbal, and/or visual electronic communication directed at another student or students that is severe, persistent or pervasive. Examples of cyberbullying include but are not limited to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sending cruel, vicious, and sometimes threatening messages. 2. Creating websites that have stories, pictures, cartoons, and/or jokes ridiculing others (including wiki, blog, social network, and similar website postings). 3. Posting pictures of classmates online and asking classmates to rate them. 4. Breaking into an email account and sending vicious or embarrassing material to others.
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<p>3. Authority SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p>5. Engaging someone in instant messaging, deceiving that person into revealing sensitive information, and forwarding that information to others.</p> <p>6. Taking a picture of a person on school property and sending that picture to others with the intent to humiliate, ridicule, or harm (i.e. in the locker room using a digital camera phone or other digital media technology).</p> <p>The Board prohibits all forms of bullying by district students in school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a designated bus stop, or at any activity sponsored, supervised, or sanctioned by the school.</p> <p>The Board encourages 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. If an accusation of bullying is based on race, color, national origin, sex or disability, copies of the complaint must be provided to the Title IX or ADA coordinator. 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>SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p>The Superintendent or designee shall 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 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 Schools Report:</p>
<p></p>	<p>1. Board’s Bullying/Cyberbullying Policy.</p>
<p></p>	<p>2. Report of bullying incidents.</p>

<p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>5. Guidelines SC 1303.1-A Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 218</p>	<p>3. Information on the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention or education programs.</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 and library. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within each school building and on the district website.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p>
<p>SC 1303.1-A 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254</p>	<p>The District shall provide instruction to minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking websites and in chat rooms, in addition to cyberbullying awareness and response.</p> <p><u>Consequences/Discipline</u></p>
<p>SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233</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"> 1. Loss of school privileges. 2. Parental contact/conference. 3. Denial of computer/Internet privileges. 4. Counseling within school. 5. Detention. 6. Suspension. 7. Expulsion. 8. Bad standing. 9. Counseling outside of school. 10. Alternative education assignment.

11. Police notification and/or citation.

References:

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

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

Internet Safety, Children’s Internet Protection Act – 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254

Board Policy – 218, 233, 236.1, 248