

BULLYING

This policy shall apply to all acts constituting bullying related to school attendance occurring within a district school, to acts which occur off campus or outside of school-related or school-sponsored activities but which may have an impact or create a hostile environment at school, and to all acts of the Governing Board and the Superintendent in enacting policies and procedures that govern the district.

The Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student well-being, student learning, and school attendance and desires to provide a welcoming, safe, and supportive school environment that protects students from physical, mental, and emotional harm. No individual or group shall, through physical, written, verbal, visual, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any student or school personnel, or retaliate against them for filing a complaint or participating in the complaint resolution process.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for addressing bullying in district schools with the involvement of students, parents/guardians, and staff. As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee may also collaborate with social services, mental health services, law enforcement, courts, and other agencies, and community organizations in the development and implementation of effective strategies to promote safety in schools and the community.

Such strategies shall be incorporated into the comprehensive safety plan and, to the extent possible, into the local control and accountability plan and other applicable district and school plans.

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in Administrative Regulations 1312.3. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

If the Superintendent or designee believes it is in the best interest of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying, as defined in Education Code 48900, the Superintendent or designee shall advise the student's parents/guardians that the student may transfer to another school. If the parents/guardians of a student who has been the victim of an act of bullying request a transfer for the student pursuant to Education Code 46600, the Superintendent or designee shall allow the transfer in accordance with law and district policy on intradistrict or interdistrict transfer, as applicable.

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District families are encouraged to model respectful behavior, contribute to a safe and supportive learning environment, and monitor potential causes of bullying.

Any employee who permits or engages in bullying or retaliation related to bullying shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

<i>State References:</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>5 CCR 4600-4670</i>	<i>Uniform complaint procedures</i>
<i>Bus. and Prof. Code 22589-22589.4</i>	<i>Cyberbullying Protection Act</i>
<i>Ed Code 200-262</i>	<i>Prohibition of discrimination</i>
<i>Ed Code 3280-3228905</i>	<i>School safety plans</i>
<i>Ed Code 35181</i>	<i>Governing board authority to set policy on responsibilities of students</i>
<i>Ed Code 35291-35291.5</i>	<i>Student transfers</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48900-48925</i>	<i>Suspension and expulsion</i>
<i>Ed. Code 48985</i>	<i>Notices to parents in language other than English</i>
<i>Ed Code 52060-52077</i>	<i>Definition of hate crime</i>
<i>Pen. Code 647 privacy:misdemeanor</i>	<i>Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's</i>
<i>Pen. Code 647.7 punishment</i>	<i>Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy:</i>
<i>Pen. Code 653.2</i>	<i>Electronic communication devices: threats to safety</i>
<i>Federal References:</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>28 CFR 35.107</i>	<i>Nondiscrimination on basis of disability: complaints</i>
<i>34 CFR 104.7 procedures</i>	<i>Section 504: Designation of responsible employee and adoption of grievance</i>
<i>34 CFR 106.8 procedures</i>	<i>Designation of coordinator: dissemination of policy, and adoption of grievance</i>
<i>34 CFR 110.25</i>	<i>Notification of nondiscrimination on the basis of age</i>
<i>47 USC 254</i>	<i>Universal service discounts (E-rate)</i>

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