

# CHESTER UPLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: BULLYING/  
CYBERBULLYING

ADOPTED: April 16, 2015

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<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definitions SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>249. BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING</b></p> <p>The Governing Body is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for district students. The Governing Body 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, <b>the Governing Body prohibits bullying</b> by district students.</p> <p><b>Bullying 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 that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Substantial interference <b>with a student’s education.</b></li> <li>2. Creation of <b>a threatening environment.</b></li> <li>3. Substantial disruption of <b>the orderly operation of the school.</b></li> </ol> <p><b>Examples of bullying can include, but are not limited to:</b></p> <p><b><u>Direct Bullying</u></b></p> <p><b>Physical - hitting, kicking, punching, shoving, spitting.</b></p> <p><b>Verbal - using a racial or sexual comment, name-calling, teasing, taunting, threatening.</b></p> <p><b>Nonverbal - obscene gestures, stalking.</b></p> <p><b><u>Indirect Bullying</u></b></p> <p><b>Physical - getting another person to assault someone.</b></p> <p><b>Verbal - spreading rumors, gossip.</b></p>
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<p>SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p><b>Nonverbal - cyberbullying.</b></p> <p><b><u>Cyberbullying</u></b></p> <p><b>This happens when a student(s) send or post text and/or images intended to cause hurt or embarrass another student(s) by use of electronic devices through means of email, instant messaging, text messages, blogs, mobile phones, telephones, pagers, social websites (MySpace, Facebook, Twitter, etc.), two-way pagers, or through use of YouTube video, or any other electronic means.</b></p> <p><b>School setting 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.</b></p>
<p>3. Authority SC 1303.1-A</p>	<p><b>The Governing Body prohibits all forms of bullying</b> by district students.</p> <p>The Governing Body encourages students who have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the building principal or designee.</p> <p>The Governing Body 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 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 Governing Body.</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. Governing Body’s Bullying Policy.</li> </ol>

<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303.1-A Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 218</p> <p>SC 1302-A, 1303.1-A Pol. 236</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p>2. Report of bullying incidents.</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. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within each school building and on the district website, if available.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>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.</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.</p> <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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