

Bullying

“Bullying” means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including (sexual harassment, hate violence, harassment, threats, or intimidation), directed toward one or more pupils.

The Governing Board recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide safe school environments that protect students from physical and emotional harm. District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student.

Cyber bullying includes the transmission of harassing communications, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social media, or other technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

The District has the authority to monitor students' use of the district's Internet system and to conduct individual searches of students' accounts if there is reasonable suspicion that a user has violated district policy or the law; see BP/AR 5145.12 - Search and Seizure and BP/AR 6163.4 - Student Use of Technology.

Students

BP 5131.2(b)

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Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[200-262.4](#) Prohibition of discrimination

[35181](#) Governing board policy on responsibilities of students

[35291-35291.5](#) Rules

[48900-48925](#) Suspension or expulsion

[48985](#) Translation of notices

PENAL CODE

[647](#) Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; misdemeanor

[647.7](#) Use of camera or other instrument to invade person's privacy; punishment

[653.2](#) Electronic communication devices, threats to safety

(cf. [5138](#) - Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation)

(cf. [5131](#) - Conduct)

(cf. [5136](#) - Gangs)

(cf. [5144](#) - Discipline)

(cf. [5144.1](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process)

(cf. [5144.2](#) - Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities))

(cf. [5145.2](#) - Freedom of Speech/Expression)

(cf. [5145.3](#) - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

(cf. [5145.7](#) - Sexual Harassment)

(cf. [5145.9](#) - Hate-Motivated Behavior)

(cf. [6159.4](#) - Behavioral Interventions for Special Education Students)

Policy

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