

COUNCIL ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS
 TITLE: BULLYING
 /CYBERBULLYING
 ADOPTED: November 16, 2006
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218.10 BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING	
1. Purpose	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 serious violence.
2. Definitions SC 1303.1-A	<p>Bullying means a communication or act that is intentional and delivered in electronic, written, verbal or physical form to another student or students, which occurs in or by way of a school setting that is severe, persistent or pervasive and has the effect of doing any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Substantial interference with a student’s education; or 2. Creation of a threatening environment; or 3. Substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. <p>Bullying, as defined in this policy, includes communication delivered through the Internet, including Social Media (Cyberbullying).</p>
SC 1303.1-A	<p>School setting means in the school, on school grounds, in vehicles transporting school students, at any District assigned bus stop, or at any activity sponsored, supervised or sanctioned by the school.</p>
3. Authority SC 1303.1-A	<p>The Board prohibits all forms of Bullying by district students.</p> <p>The Board encourages students who have been bullied or know of bullying to promptly report such incidents to the building principal or designee. Any school district employee who believes that a student is being bullied shall report it immediately to a school administrator.</p> <p>The Board directs that a school administrator or his/her designee investigate complaints of Bullying 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>

4. Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.
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	<p>District administration shall annually provide the following information with the Safe School Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board’s Bullying Policy. 2. Report of bullying incidents. 3. Information on the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention or education programs.
5. Guidelines SC 1303.1-A Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 218	<p>The Code of Student Conduct, which shall contain applicable provisions of 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 web site.</p>
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.

<p>SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p>A student who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action which may include school discipline, suspension, or expulsion.</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>
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