

Notification Requirements

Every school shall inform their students, orally and in writing at the beginning of the year orientation, the following information:

A prohibition against bullying at school exists.

Nature of and consequences for bullying including possible criminal charges and loss of driver's license.

Proper procedures for reporting bullying.

Written notice given to students shall also be delivered to each guardian.

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Internet Resources for Parents

<http://www.ncpc.org/programs/circle-of-respect>
Circle of Respect Program

<http://www.connectsafely.org/>
Connect Safely

<http://cybersmartcurriculum.org/>
CyberSmart

<http://www.cyberbullying.us/>
Cyberbullying Research Center

<http://www.pacer.org/bullying/>
PACER Institute's National Bullying Prevention Center

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/>
Stop Bullying Now

<http://www.stopbullyingworld.org/>
International Anti-Bullying Association

<http://hectorsworld.netsafe.org.nz/>
Hector's World

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents>
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Definition of Bullying

A pattern of any one of the following, with a pattern being defined as occurring twice:

- Gestures, including making faces.
- Written, electronic, or verbal communication including calling names, threatening harm, taunting, malicious teasing, spreading untrue rumors.
- Physical acts such as hitting, kicking, tripping pushing, choking, damaging personal property, or unauthorized use of property.
- Repeated and purposefully shunning or excluding from activities.

Procedures for Reporting Bullying

Any full or part time employee who witnesses bullying or who learns of bullying by a student shall report the incident to school officials.

- A verbal report of the incident must be made the same day.
- A written report using the Parish *Bullying Incident Reporting Form* must be made within two school days to school officials.

Procedures for Investigating Bullying

- Interview appropriate persons separately. The parent or guardian of each student must be contacted and invited to attend interview.
- Notify alleged victim and perpetrator of potential consequences and penalties.
- Compose a written statement of findings of the investigation and place a copy in each student's folder.
- Notify the complainant of the findings and remedial action that has been taken.
- Provide a copy of the report to School Board.



The pattern of behavior must have the effect of:

- Physically harming a student; or
- Placing the student in reasonable fear of physical harm; or
- Damaging a student's property; or
- Must be sufficiently severe, persistent, and pervasive enough to either create:
 - ◊ An intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
 - ◊ Have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's performance in school; or
 - ◊ Have the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

The behavior act alone is not sufficient for a behavior to be considered "Bullying" pursuant to Act 861.

Additional conditions related to where the behavior occurs or is received, and the effect the behavior has on the alleged target, must also be met for the behavior to be considered "bullying."

