

MOORE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BULLYING POLICY

It is the policy of the Moore Board of Education to prohibit threatening behavior, harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying of students on school grounds, in school vehicles, at designated bus stops, at school activities, at school sanctioned events, or by electronic communication (including, but not limited to, telephone, cellular telephone or other wireless telecommunication device, a computer, or any social media including facebook, twitter, or any other social media.) whether or not such communication originated at school or with school equipment if the communication is specifically directed at students or school personnel and concerns harassment, intimidation, or bullying at school. The district shall provide programs for staff and students to address prevention and education about such behavior.

“Threatening behavior” means any pattern of behavior or isolated action, whether or not it is directed at another person, that a reasonable person would believe indicates potential for future harm to students, school personnel, or school property.

“Harassment, intimidation, and bullying” means any gesture, written or verbal expression, electronic communication, or physical act that a reasonable person should know will harm another student, damage another student’s property, place another student in reasonable fear of harm to the student’s person or damage to the student’s property, or insult or demean any student or group of students in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school’s educational mission or the education of any student.

The District shall establish procedures for the investigation of all incidents of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or threatening behavior reported to school officials for the purpose of determining the severity of the incidents and their potential to result in future violence. The District will also establish a procedure whereby, upon completion of an investigation, community mental health care for the student is recommended if appropriate; and for disclosure of information concerning students who have received mental health care that indicates an explicit threat to the safety of students or school personnel, as authorized by state and federal law. Student programs will be approved by the Oklahoma State Board of Education.

(See also board policies #7115, #7130, #7135, and #7210)

(Legal reference: Oklahoma State Statute 70-24-100.3 and 100.4)

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