

APPALACHIA

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

No. 249



SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: BULLYING/
CYBERBULLYING

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249. BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for students attending multi-district programs operated by the Intermediate Unit. 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 more serious violence. Therefore, the Board prohibits bullying by students in Intermediate Unit operated multi-district programs.</p> <p>This policy shall apply to students in programs operated by the IU that are located in a non-district or private provider facility. All other students shall be accountable in accord with the policy of the school district in which their program is provided.</p>
2. Definitions SC 1303.1-A	<p>Bullying means an intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act or series of acts directed at another student or students, which occurs in a non-district or private provider facility in which the IU program is located 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. 2. Creation of a threatening environment. 3. Substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the school program. <p>Bullying, as defined in this policy, includes cyberbullying.</p> <p>Non-district or private provider facility means in the building, on grounds, in IU vehicles, or at any activity sponsored, supervised or sanctioned by the IU.</p> <p>The Board encourages students who have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the program supervisor or building principal.</p>
SC 1303.1-A	<p>The Board 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 Intermediate Unit's legal and investigative obligations. No reprisals or retaliation shall occur as a result of good faith reports of bullying.</p>
3. Authority SC 1303.1-A	

<p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A</p> <p>Title 22</p> <p>Sec. 12.3</p> <p>Pol. 218</p> <p>SC 1302-A,</p> <p>1303.1-A</p> <p>Pol. 236</p>	<p>Any verified incident of bullying shall be reported on an <i>IU8 Incident Report</i> form with copies distributed to the IU Educational Programs & Services Director's Office, IU Business Office, Student's District of Residence, and BHRS Provider (if the students has a TSS).</p> <p>Each student shall be responsible to respect the rights of others and to ensure an atmosphere free from bullying.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee shall ensure that this policy and administrative regulations are reviewed annually with students.</p> <p>The Executive Director or designee, in cooperation with other appropriate administrators, shall review this policy every three (3) years and recommend necessary revisions to the Board.</p> <p>If required by the Office of Safe Schools, the Intermediate Unit 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. <p>The IU Code of Student Conducts, which incorporate this policy, shall be reviewed annually with students.</p> <p>This policy shall be accessible in each non-district or private provider facility in which an IU multi-district program is located. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within each non-district or private provider facility in which the IU program is located and on the IU web site.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>The Intermediate Unit may develop and implement bullying prevention and intervention programs. Such programs shall provide Intermediate Unit staff and students with appropriate training for effectively responding to, intervening in and reporting incidents of bullying.</p>
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<p>SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233</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 relevant IU Code of Student Conduct, which may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counseling provided by the IU or host agency.• Parental conference.• Loss of privileges.• Transfer to another building, program or transport vehicle.• Exclusion from IU-sponsored activities.• Detention.• Suspension.• Expulsion.• Counseling/Therapy outside of the Intermediate Unit or school.• Referral to law enforcement officials. <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302-A, 1303.1-A State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3 Board Policy – 000, 218, 233, 236</p>
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