

BRANDYWINE HEIGHTS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: STUDENTS
TITLE: BULLYING AND
CYBER BULLYING
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	<p style="text-align: center;">238. BULLYING AND CYBER BULLYING</p> <p>1. Purpose The Board strives to provide a safe, positive learning climate in the schools. The district, its schools, and the school community have an obligation to promote mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance, and will not tolerate any behaviors that infringe on the safety of any student. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the School District to maintain an educational environment in which bullying and cyber bullying in any form are not tolerated. Toward that end, bullying and cyber bullying are prohibited on school grounds, at school-sponsored events and activities, on school busses and other school-sponsored transportation and at school bus stops.</p> <p>2. Authority All forms of bullying and cyber bullying by school district students are hereby prohibited. Anyone who engages in bullying or cyber bullying in violation of this Policy shall be subject to appropriate discipline.</p> <p>Students who have been bullied or cyber bullied shall promptly report such incidents to designated building administrators and/or staff.</p> <p>Complaints of bullying or cyber bullying shall be investigated promptly, and corrective action shall be taken when a complaint is verified. Neither reprisals nor retaliation shall occur as a result of the submission of a complaint.</p> <p>The School District shall annually inform students that bullying or cyber bullying of students will not be tolerated.</p> <p>3. Definition Cyber bullying includes, but is not limited to, the following misuses of technology: harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening, or terrorizing another student, teacher or employee of the School District by sending or posting inappropriate or derogatory email messages, instant messages, text messages, digital pictures or images, or Web site postings (including blogs). All forms of cyber bullying are unacceptable and, to the extent that such actions are disruptive of the educational process of the School District, offenders shall be the subject of appropriate discipline.</p>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. After the investigation, the building principal shall be notified in writing of the complaint and the results of the investigation and shall take corrective action to ensure the conduct ceases.5. Discipline: A violation of this Policy shall subject the offending student to appropriate disciplinary action, consistent with the student discipline code, which may include suspension or expulsion.
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