

SCHOOL BULLY PREVENTION

The Caesar Rodney School District recognizes that safe learning environments are necessary for students to learn and achieve high academic standards. The District strives to provide safe learning environments for all students and all employees.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee to consistently implement this policy and regulations throughout the District. The Board, through the Superintendent and/or designee, authorizes each principal to consistently implement this policy and regulations within each school.

Prohibition of Bullying

To further these goals, and as required by 14 *Del. C.* § 4112D, the District prohibits the bullying of any person on school property or at school functions or by use of data or computer software that is accessed through a computer, computer system, computer network or other electronic technology of the District from grades kindergarten through grade twelve. The District further prohibits reprisal, retaliation or false accusation against a target, witness or one with reliable information about an act of bullying.

“School function” includes any field trip or any officially sponsored school event. “School property” means any building, structure, athletic field, sports stadium or real property owned, operated, leased or rented by any public school district including, but not limited to, any kindergarten, elementary, secondary, or vocational-technical school, or any motor vehicle owned, operated, leased, rented or subcontracted by any public school.

Definition of Bullying

As used in this policy, bullying means any intentional written, electronic, verbal or physical act or actions against a student, school volunteer or school employee that a reasonable person under the circumstances should know will have the effect of:

- Placing a student, school volunteer or school employee in reasonable fear of substantial harm to his or her emotional or physical well-being, or substantial damage to his or her property; or
- Creating a hostile, threatening, humiliating or abusive educational environment due to the pervasiveness or persistence of actions, or due to a power differential between the bully and the target; or
- Interfering with a student having a safe school environment necessary to facilitate educational performance, opportunities or benefits; or
- Perpetuating bullying by inciting, soliciting or coercing an individual or group to demean, dehumanize, embarrass or cause emotional, psychological or physical harm to another student, school volunteer or school employee.

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Caesar Rodney School District, Wyoming, Delaware