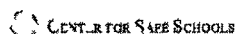


Bullying Legislation

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(C) (7) Development and implementation of research based violence prevention programs that address risk factors to reduce incidents of problem behaviors among students including but not limited to bullying



Bullying Prevention Legislation

Each School Entity shall

No later than January 1, 2009 adopt a policy or amend its existing policy relating to bullying



Requirements

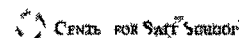
- Incorporate the policy into the code of student conduct
- The policy shall delineate disciplinary consequences for bullying
- Identify the appropriate school staff person to receive reports of incidents of alleged bullying



Define Bullying

Basic Definition

'Bullying shall mean an intentional electronic written verbal or physical act or a series of acts that:



Definition continued

- Occurs in a school setting*
- * *School setting shall mean in the school on school grounds in school vehicles at a designated bus stop or at any activity sponsored supervise or sanctioned by the school*



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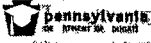
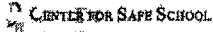
Is severe persistent or pervasive
 Is directed at another student or students and
 Has the effect of doing any of the following:
 Substantially interferes with a student's education
 Creates a threatening environment, or
 Substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school



Definition continued



A school entity is not prohibited from defining bullying in such a way as to encompass acts that occur outside a school setting if those acts

- are severe, persistent or pervasive;
- are directed at another student or students and have the effect of doing any of the following:
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 - Substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school;

Requirements

- When a school entity reports acts of bullying in its School Safety report it shall report the incidents that qualify as bullying under the its adopted definition






Requirements

The policy must be available



- On its publicly accessible internet website (if available)
- In every classroom

The policy must be posted at a prominent location within each school building

Requirements

The policy and procedures for reporting bullying incidents must be reviewed with students within ninety (90) days after their adoption and thereafter at least once each school year



Requirements

A copy of the bullying policy must be submitted annually to the department

- It must include information related to the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention and education programs



The policy will be submitted as part of the Annual School Safety Report

- The policy must be reviewed every three (3) years

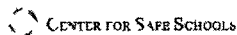
Existing Bullying Prevention Policies?

- No school entity shall be required to establish a new policy if one currently exists and reasonably fulfills the requirements

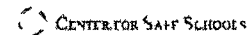



Best practice .

The policy may provide for research based prevention intervention and education programs



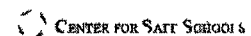
Strategies for Effective Bullying Prevention



- Focus on the whole school environment
- Assess bullying at your schools
- Obtain staff and parent support
- Provide training for ALL staff members
- Form a committee/team at school to coordinate bullying prevention efforts
- Establish and enforce school rules, policies and procedures regarding bullying
- Increase adult supervision in "hot spots" for bullying



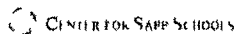
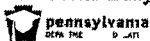
- Intervene consistently and appropriately in bullying incidents
- Focus some classroom time on bullying prevention and intervention
- Continue efforts over time
- Link bullying prevention efforts to existing school violence prevention programs/approaches and student support services



Research programs & resources

Examples .

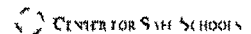
- Bully Proofing Your Schools
- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- Ophelia Project
- Second Step
- www.center-school.org/bullyingprevention
Center for Safe Schools
- www.stopbullyingnow.org
US Department of Health and Human Services
National Bullying Prevention Campaign



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Pennsylvania School District Bullying Prevention Policies

- 1 No later than **January 1, 2009**, adopt a policy or amend its existing policy relating to bullying
- 2 Incorporate the policy into the **code of student conduct**
- 3 The policy shall delineate **disciplinary consequences** for bullying
- 4 **Identify** the appropriate **school staff person** to receive **reports** of incidents of alleged bullying
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 - a. *Occurs in a school setting* *A school setting shall mean in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a designated bus stop or at any activity sponsored, supervise or sanctioned by the school*
 - b. Is severe, persistent **or** pervasive;
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(Over)

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9. The policy must be posted at a prominent location within each school building.
- 10 The policy and procedures for reporting bullying incidents must be **reviewed** with students within **ninety (90) days** after their adoption and thereafter **at least once each school year**.
11. A copy of the bullying policy must be submitted annually to the department.
 - a. **It must include information related to the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention and education programs**
12. The policy will be submitted as part of the **Annual School Safety Report**
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14. The policy may provide for research-based prevention, intervention and education programs

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