

COLUMBIA-MONTOUR AREA VOCATIONAL- TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: BULLYING/
CYBERBULLYING

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249. BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING	
1. Purpose	<p>The Joint Operating Committee is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for its students. The Joint Operating Committee 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 Joint Operating Committee prohibits bullying by students.</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 school setting and/or outside a school setting to include a cyber setting, 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. <p>Extortion is the action of one student or a group of students to obtain or withhold the property of another student by force, threat of violence, or other harm or intimidation.</p>
SC 1303.1-A	<p>School setting means in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a designated bus stop or at any activity sponsored, supervised or sanctioned by the school.</p> <p>Types of bullying may include, but are not limited to:</p> <p>Direct bullying - a negative action when somebody hits, pushes, kicks, pinches, or restrains another by physical contact. Direct bullying can also be carried out verbally by words, by extortion, threatening, taunting, teasing and calling names.</p> <p>Indirect bullying - repeated over a period of time: negative gestures, intentionally excluding someone from a group, and spreading rumors.</p>

<p>3. Authority SC 1303.1-A</p> <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>Cyberbullying - using electronic device mediums such as, but not limited to, computers, cell phones and pagers to bully others through methods such as posting comments or pictures on blogs or websites, text messaging, instant messaging, and email.</p> <p>Relational Aggression - describes behavior which can undermine or destroy relationships and can be either physical and/or psychological in nature. This type of bullying may be carried out by a single individual or by a group. The target/victim of bullying can be a single individual or a group of students.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee prohibits all forms of bullying by students.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee encourages students who have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the principal or designee.</p> <p>The Joint Operating Committee 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 school's legal and investigative obligations. No reprisals or retaliation shall occur as a result of good faith reports of bullying.</p> <p>Each student shall be responsible to respect the rights of others and to ensure an atmosphere free from bullying.</p> <p>It shall be the responsibility of the students, parents/guardians and all staff members who become aware of an act of bullying to report it to the building principal for further investigation.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or designee shall develop administrative regulations to implement this policy.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or designee shall ensure that this policy and administrative regulations are reviewed annually with students.</p> <p>The Administrative Director or designee, in cooperation with other appropriate administrators, shall review this policy every three (3) years and recommend necessary revisions to the Joint Operating Committee.</p> <p>The administration shall annually provide the following information with the Safe School Report:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint Operating Committee's Bullying Policy.
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<p>5. Guidelines SC 1303.1-A Title 22 Sec. 12.3 Pol. 218</p> <p>SC 1302-A, 1303.1-A Pol. 236</p> <p>SC 1303.1-A Pol. 218, 233</p>	<p>2. Report of bullying incidents.</p> <p>3. Information on the development and implementation of any bullying prevention, intervention or education programs.</p> <p>The Code of Student Conduct, which shall contain this policy, shall be disseminated annually to students.</p> <p>This policy shall be accessible in every classroom. The policy shall be posted in a prominent location within the school building and on the website, if available.</p> <p><u>Education</u></p> <p>The school may develop and implement bullying prevention and intervention programs. Such programs shall provide staff and students with appropriate training for effectively responding to, intervening in and reporting incidents of bullying.</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 Code of Student Conduct, which may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Counseling within the school.2. Parental conference.3. Detention.4. Suspension.5. Expulsion.6. Transfer to another school building, classroom or school bus.7. Exclusion from school activities.8. Development of a supervision plan with the parents/guardians.9. Referral to law enforcement officials.
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 1302-A, 1303.1-A

State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 12.3

Joint Operating Committee Policy – 000, 218, 233, 236, 248