

West Bonner County School District

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Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Cyber Bullying, Menacing

The Board is committed to providing a positive and productive learning and working environment. Hazing, harassment, intimidation, menacing, cyber bullying or bullying by students or third parties is strictly prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the district. This includes actions on school grounds and actions at locations outside of school grounds that can be reasonably expected to materially and substantially interfere with the requirements appropriate discipline in the operation of the school or impinge on the rights of other students are prohibited, and may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

Students attending schools in this district are prohibited from engaging in the following behaviors:

1. Physical abuse against a student, including but not limited to, hitting, pushing, tripping, kicking, or restraining another's movements; sexual misconduct; causing damage to another's clothing or possessions; and taking another's belongings.
2. Verbal comments or threats against a student, including but not limited to, name calling, threatening, sexual comments, taunting, and malicious teasing.
3. Psychological abuse against a student, including but not limited to, spreading harmful or inappropriate rumors regarding another, drawing inappropriate pictures, or writing inappropriate statements regarding another, and intentionally excluding another from groups, or similar activities.

Investigation

The school administrator or designee will investigate any allegations of misconduct that are reasonably characterized as bullying or intimidation. At the discretion of the school principal, his/her designee, and/or superintendent, the alleged perpetrator(s) may be suspended pending the outcome of the investigation. When deemed appropriate, legal authorities will be notified to investigate when the bullying and/or intimidation behaviors appears to be severe and/or continual.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion. Third parties whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or Board.

Students or third parties may also be referred to law enforcement officials.

The superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy. Procedures shall include descriptions of prohibited conduct, reporting and investigative

procedures, as needed, and provisions to ensure notice of this policy is provided to students, staff and third parties.

Legal References: I.C. § 18-917 Hazing
 I.C. § 18-917A Student Harassment – Intimidation – Bullying
 I.C. § 33-205 Denial of School Attendance
 I.C. § 33-512 Governance of Schools
 I.C. § 67-5909 Acts Prohibited
 20 U.S.C. § 1681, et seq. Title IX of the Educational Amendments
 34 CFR Part 106

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