

Harrisburg School District	NEPN Code: JFCD
Policy Manual	

CYBER BULLYING

The Board supports use of the computers, Internet and other network resources in the district's instructional and operation programs in order to facilitate learning, teaching and daily operations through interpersonal communications and access to information, research and collaboration. The District's computer network and the Internet, whether accessed at school or away from school, during or after school hours, may not be used for the purpose of cyber bullying.

Cyber bullying by definition is the use of the Internet and related technologies, including cell phones, to harass, threaten, intimidate or harm others, in a deliberate, repeated, and hostile manner. All forms of cyber bullying are unacceptable and viewed as a violation of this policy and the District's acceptable computer use policy and procedures.

Malicious use of the District's computer system to develop programs or to institute practices that harass other users to gain unauthorized access to any entity on the system and/or damage the components of an entity on the network is prohibited.

It is the responsibility of all staff members to take reasonable measures to prevent cyber bullying and shall report any such acts. It is also the responsibility of students who observe any acts of cyber bullying to report it to school authorities. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to, the loss of computer privileges, detention, suspension, or expulsion for verified perpetrators of cyber bullying. In addition, when any kind of threat is communicated or when a hate crime is committed, it shall be reported to local law officials.

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