

## **STUDENT DISCIPLINE BULLYING, INTIMIDATION AND HARASSMENT**

All students of this school district are subject to the discipline policies of the district while on school grounds, being transported to and from school or school functions by district transportation, and while participating in functions sponsored by the district.

Methods of discipline will most likely be determined by the individual teacher in compliance with board policy. Discipline to be considered will always provide options for the types of discipline, including alternatives to corporal punishment. Additional options may be found in regulation.

### **Parental Support**

The board believes that parental support in areas of student discipline is particularly important. Therefore, the district shall make efforts to assist parents in developing skills and attitudes necessary in helping their children succeed in school and shall allow appropriate involvement of parents, students and staff in developing student discipline policies.

### **Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying**

Among behaviors prohibited by this district's discipline policy are harassment, intimidation and bullying by students. In order to educate students about the problem of bullying and in an effort to prevent such behavior, the board hereby establishes that students in each grade receive education on this issue at least once a year.

The principal of each school site shall determine how and in which classes the program shall be presented after input from the site's Safe School Committee. See School Safety policy.

"Bullying, harassment and intimidation" means any gesture, written or verbal expression, or physical act that a reasonable person should know will harm another student, damage another student's person or damage a student's property or insult or demean any student or group of students in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education of any student. "At school" means on school grounds, in school vehicles, at designated school bus stops, at school-sponsored activities, or at school-sanctioned events.

Bullying, harassment or intimidation are subject to discipline by the teacher or other school personnel witnessing such behavior. Continued behavior may result in suspension from school.


## Dissemination of Policy

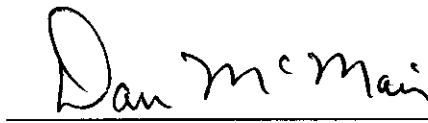
All students, teachers and parents or guardians shall be notified of this policy and will be provided a copy upon request. The school district shall also provide a student handbook which includes information concerning its discipline policies.

References: 70 O.S. 24-100.4 (Section 154, School Laws of Oklahoma, 2002)  
Standards for Accreditation of Oklahoma Schools, 2002, p. 27.  
SB 992, 2002 Legislative Session  
SDE's Summer Conference, July, 2002

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