

## DEFINITION

Bullying is defined as any intentional gesture or any intentional written, verbal or physical act or threat that is *sufficiently severe, persistent or pervasive* that creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment *for a student or staff member* that a reasonable person, under the circumstances, *knows or should know* will have the effect of:

- Harming a student or staff member, whether physically or mentally;
- Damaging a student's or staff member's property;
- Placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of harm to the student or staff member; or
- Any form of intimidation or harassment prohibited by the BOE in policies concerning bullying.

Students who have been bullied or students who have observed someone else being bullied, should report the incident to any school personnel including the building principal, a teacher or another adult.

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*Students wishing to remain anonymous should follow the building guidelines for such reporting or use the district Web site's online reporting form located at [www.arkcity.com](http://www.arkcity.com). Anonymous reports can also be made by using the ACHS Crime Stoppers Hot line at 441-2023.*

## GET MORE INFO.

To view the anti-bullying policy and plan adopted by the USD 470 Board of Education, or to **anonymously report an instance of bullying**, go to our Web site at:

**[WWW.ARKCITY.COM](http://WWW.ARKCITY.COM)**

or, contact your principal. He or she would be happy to discuss the plan and procedures with you anytime.

or, contact the district office at:

**2545 GREENWAY**  
**ARKANSAS CITY, KS 67005**  
**620.441.2000**



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## ARKANSAS CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Committed to providing  
students with a safe, effective  
learning environment...

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no bullies allowed.

# BOE POLICY

# TYPES OF BULLYING

# CONSEQUENCES

## JDDC

## BULLYING

(See GAAB, JCE, JGEC, JGECA, JDD and EBC)

The board of education prohibits bullying in any form on school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event. The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying on school property, in a school vehicle or at a school-sponsored activity or event.

The plan shall include provisions for the training and education of staff members and students and shall include appropriate community involvement as approved by the board. Students who have bullied others in violation of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion. If appropriate, students who violate the bullying prohibition shall be reported to local law enforcement.

*Plan adopted: December 10, 2007*

*Plan effective: January 1, 2008*

## PHYSICAL:

Harm to someone's body or property  
(persistent pushing/shoving, making threats, defacing property, stealing, etc...)

## EMOTIONAL:

Harm to someone's self-esteem or feeling of safety  
(persistent name calling, teasing, insulting, harassing phone calls, etc...)

## SOCIAL:

Harm to someone's group acceptance  
(persistent gossiping, teasing about looks, excluding someone from groups, arranging public humiliation, etc...)

## CYBER/TECHNOLOGY

- E-mail
- Cell phones
- Pagers
- Text messages
- Instant messaging
- Defamatory personal Web sites
- Defamatory online polling Web sites
- Chat rooms

*For bullying and failure to report bullying\**

## HIGH SCHOOL

1st Instance: 3 day in school suspension  
2nd Instance: 3 day out of school suspension  
3rd Instance: 5-10 day suspension and recommend either long-term suspension or expulsion

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

1st Instance: 3 day in school suspension  
2nd Instance: 3 day out of school suspension  
3rd Instance: 5-10 day suspension and recommend either long-term suspension or expulsion

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

1st Instance: Parent contact and detention  
2nd Instance: 1 day in school suspension or after school detention  
3rd Instance: 1-3 day out of school suspension

*\*Although it is expected administrators will follow disciplinary actions as adopted by the BOE, school officials may exercise discretion in applying policy to individual cases.*

*A mandate of "no interaction" will be issued in all cases requiring disciplinary action.*

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