

## BULLYING

Bullying is a form of violence that hurts others. Bullying occurs when a student or group of students intentionally and repeatedly uses their power to hurt other individuals or groups.

**All students are entitled to feel SAFE and INVITED while at school.**

Things to know about bullying:

- Some students are bullies, others are targets of bullying.
- A student can be both a target and bully at the same time.
- Some students are bystanders. Bystanders can either be passive or active.
- Some acts of bullying can result in suspension and/or expulsion from school.
- Bullying breaks the law when it becomes stealing, assault and battery, extortion, sexual harassment, hate crimes and other criminal acts.

School bullying affects the safety and social well-being of the entire school community. Wanting and needing to belong at school is important to most students. Being put down, embarrassed, physically hurt or terrorized at school on a regular basis is hurtful for students at any grade level. Bullying can make a student feel unwanted and rejected.

What To Do:

If you are a student who is experiencing bullying from someone else while you are at school, you need to tell your building administrator (principal) immediately. Also talk to your guidance counselor. If you are a parent of a student who is being bullied at school, you need to call the building administrator and report it. In both cases the information that you will need is who is doing the bullying, when and how often has it happened, is the bullying verbal and/or physical.

### Bullying incidents that led to disciplinary actions:

	SMCS		SMCS		SMCS
Aug-Dec 2008	1	Jan-Jun 2012	12	Aug-Dec 2015	6
Jan-Jun 2009	4	Aug-Dec 2012	3	Jan-Jun 2016	2
Aug-Dec 2009	1	Jan-Jun 2013	4	Aug-Dec 2016	6
Jan-Jun 2010	6	Aug-Dec 2013	1	Jan-June 2017	3
Aug-Dec 2010	6	Jan-Jun 2014	1	Aug-Dec 2017	1
Jan-Jun 2011	18	Aug-Dec 2014	3	Jan-Jun 2018	0
Aug-Dec 2011	12	Jan-Jun 2015	2	Aug-Dec 2018	2

Jan – June 2019	3	Jan – June 2022		Jan – June 2025	
Aug – Dec 2019	10	Aug – Dec 2022		Aug – Dec 2025	
Jan – June 2020	4	Jan – June 2023		Jan – June 2026	
Aug – Dec 2020		Aug – Dec 2023		Aug – Dec 2026	
Jan – June 2021		Jan – June 2024		Jan – June 2027	
Aug – Dec 2021		Aug – Dec 2024		Aug – Dec 2027	