

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Policy S3: Bullying
Adopted: July 30, 2020
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The Governing Board of Southwest Georgia Stem Charter hereby adopts the following anti-bullying policy which shall be effective on the date the policy is adopted by the Board.

The school's Governing Board believes that all students can learn better in a safe school environment. Behavior that infringes on the safety of students will not be tolerated. Bullying, as the term is defined in Georgia law, of a student by another student is strictly prohibited. Parents and students are encouraged to report any instances of bullying or harassment to the appropriate school authorities.

In addition to possible disciplinary action, when a school administrator determines that an act of bullying has occurred, the principal or designee shall notify the parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of the student found to be bullying and the victim(s) of the bullying by telephone call or through written notice, which may be done electronically. If necessary, counseling and other interventions may be provided to address the social-emotional, behavioral, and academic needs of students who are victims of bullying or students who bully others. Additionally, a student who commits three acts of bullying, as defined in the student code of conduct, shall be assigned to an alternative school.

If a student or his/her parent feels that an appropriate resolution of an allegation of bullying has not been reached after consulting the school principal, the student or the parent should contact the school board.