

Policy JDDA: Bullying

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BULLYING AND STUDENT THREATS

1. The Board desires to reasonably and prudently protect against a substantial interference of (1) the orderly operation of the schools within the District, (2) the right to an education, and (3) a secure and safe environment.
2. Bullying, in its many forms, has become a growing problem among youth and can have a devastating effect on students. The District will not tolerate any gestures, comments, threats or actions which cause or threaten to cause bodily harm or personal degradation and, therefore, prohibits such behavior.
3. The Board recognizes the fundamental right of every student to take reasonable actions necessary to defend himself/herself from an attack by another student who has evidenced menacing or threatening behavior through bullying or harassing. Self-defense conduct should only be taken after the student has reported any such menacing or threatening behavior, bullying or harassing to the principal or other school official.
4. The Board recognizes that a threat by a student to harm self, others or property creates a risk of injury or death to District employees, students, and visitors, and further creates a risk of damage to property of the District, employees, students, and visitors. Further, the Board recognizes the need to respond appropriately to crisis situations where students display signs of mental health difficulties or behaviors that may have a negative impact on themselves, other students, and/or District personnel.
5. The Board authorizes the superintendent to create procedures to carry out this policy.

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