



BULLYING IS PROHIBITED IN OUR SCHOOLS

“Bullying” means intimidating, threatening, abusive, or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and (1) there is an actual or perceived imbalance of power between the student engaging in the prohibited conduct and the target of the prohibited conduct, and the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern; or (2) the conduct materially and substantially interferes with a student’s educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services or privileges.

An act of bullying, by either an individual student or a group of students, is expressly prohibited on school premises, school district property, school functions and activities, and on school transportation.

This prohibition applies to any student who engages in cyberbullying (i.e. bullying by means of electronic devices), a student who retaliates or engages in reprisal against someone for reporting an incident of bullying, and a student who makes a false report of bullying or other prohibited conduct.

The prohibition against bullying also applies to any student whose conduct at any time or in any place constitutes bullying or other prohibited conduct that interferes with or obstructs the mission or operations of the school district or the safety or welfare of the student, other students, and employees.

ANY PERSON WHO BELIEVES HE OR SHE HAS BEEN THE TARGET OR VICTIM OF BULLYING OR ANY PERSON WITH KNOWLEDGE OR A BELIEF THAT CONDUCT MAY CONSTITUTE BULLYING OR OTHER PROHIBITED CONDUCT SHALL REPORT THE ALLEGED ACTS IMMEDIATELY TO THE BUILDING PRINCIPAL, OR OTHER BUILDING SUPERVISOR. A PERSON MAY REPORT BULLYING ANONYMOUSLY, BUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY NOT RELY SOLELY ON AN ANONYMOUS REPORT TO DETERMINE DISCIPLINE OR OTHER REMDIAL RESPONSES.

This is a short summary of the Shakopee School District’s Policy 514 – Bullying Prohibition Policy. The full version of Policy 514 may be viewed at the School District’s website in the School Board Policy Library.

Questions regarding the bullying policy should be directed to the building principal or other building supervisor.