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### Title IV, Part A School Safety State Initiative

### **Bullying** *Prevention, Response, and Reporting*

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### Agenda

#### 01 Define Bullying

02 School District Requirements

03 New Standards

04 Websites/Resources



### How do we determine if an incident(s) is considered bullying?













#### PLEASE READ Before Using Checklist

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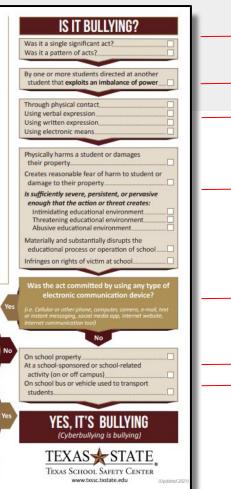
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# Is it Bullying?

### Single Significant Act...







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#### ... or Pattern



#### **IS IT BULLYING?**

Was it a single significant act? Was it a pattern of acts?

By one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power...

Through physical contact	1
Using verbal expression	]
Using written expression	1
Using electronic means	]

Physically harms a student or damages their property.	
Creates reasonable fear of harm to student or damage to their property	1
Is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive enough that the action or threat creates: Intimidating educational environment Threatening educational environment Abusive educational environment	
Materially and substantially disrupts the educational process or operation of school	
Infringes on rights of victim at school	_

Was the act committed by using any type of electronic communication device?

(i.e. Cellular or other phone, computer, camera, e-mail, text or instant messaging, social media app, Internet website, Internet communication tool)

No



### **Exploits Imbalance of Power...**





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### ...Through the following means



...and results

#### ... creates



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### Severe, Persistent, or Pervasive



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### Location





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## **Cyber Bullying Location**







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above, it is not under the school district's authority.

#### Was the act committed by using any type of electronic communication device?

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No

On school property.... At a school-sponsored or school-related activity (on or off campus)... On school bus or vehicle used to transport students...

No

Yes

YES, IT'S BULLYING (Cyberbullying is bullying)

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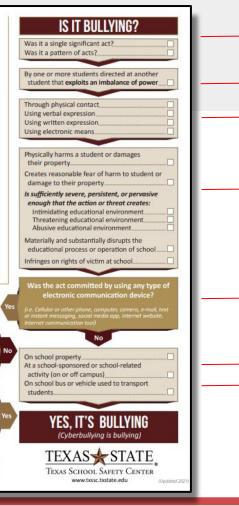
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## **School District Requirements**





# Legal/Local Policy

The board of trustees of each school district *shall adopt a policy* concerning bullying that:

• Prohibits the bullying of a student

FFI(LEGAL) STUDENT WELFARE - FREEDOM FROM BULLYING

FDB(LEGAL) ADMISSIONS - INTRADISTRICT TRANSFERS AND CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENT

FFF(LEGAL) STUDENT WELFARE - STUDENT SAFETY

FOD(LEGAL) STUDENT DISCIPLINE - EXPULSION

FO(LEGAL) STUDENT DISCIPLINE

FOF(LEGAL) STUDENT DISCIPLINE - STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

FOC(LEGAL) STUDENT DISCIPLINE - PLACEMENT IN A DISCIPLINARY ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SETTING

COA(LEGAL) TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - DISTRICT, CAMPUS, AND CLASSROOM WEBSITES

DMA(LEGAL) PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT -REQUIRED STAFF DEVELOPMENT

FFB(LEGAL) STUDENT WELFARE - CRISIS INTERVENTION

**DP**(LEGAL) PERSONNEL POSITIONS

### Policy - Staff Training

Preventing, identifying, responding to, and reporting incidents of bullying.

### The training must be

- Provided annually
- Part of a new employee orientation
- Provided to all **new** school district educators; and
- NEW TEC 21.4515- Provided to existing school district educators on a schedule annually adopted by the LEA guided by the SBEC Clearinghouse advisory group recommendations for training and note any difference from those recommendations.



## **Policy Prohibits**



### **Policy Establishes Procedures**

- Notice to Parents of a Bullying Incident
  - $\circ$  Alleged Victim
  - Bully
- 3 Business Days
- Provide incident of bullying to parents of bully w/in 7 Business Days



### **Policy Details**

Available counseling options (victim, bully, bystander)...



# ...How to obtain assistance/intervention





## Policy

### **Establish Procedures**

- Reporting an incident
- Includes anonymous reporting
- Investigating incidents
- Determination of bullying

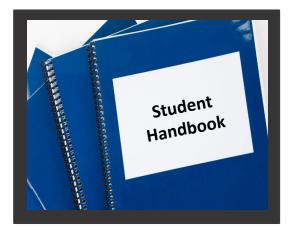


### **Prohibits Disciplinary Measures**

- On victim
- Using reasonable self-defense



# **Policy/Procedures included in**









## **Policy - Bullying Occurred**



### **District Shall**

- Offer victim right to transfer to a different classroom or campus
- If victim doesn't transfer Board *may* transfer the offender to different classroom or campus



## **Policy - Discipline**

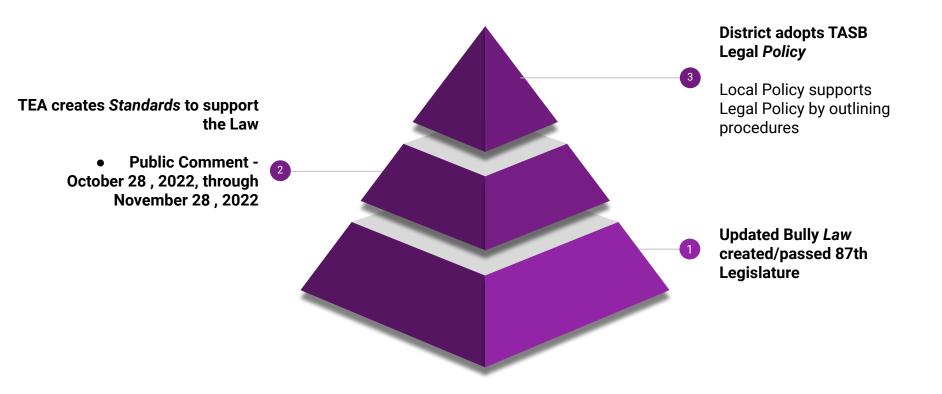
#### **Discretionary DAEP Placement**

21 <u>Violation of Student Code of Conduct</u> - This category includes bullying, harassment, and making hit lists (TEC §37.001) and reasons not specifically identified in TEC Chapter 37 that are adopted by the local school board and itemized and identified in the local Student Code of Conduct.

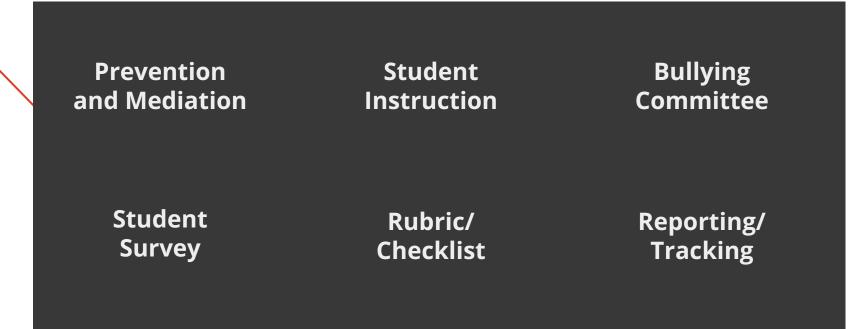
### **Discretionary DAEP Placement or Discretionary Expulsion**

61	Bullying – TEC 37.0052(b) TEC Sec.37.0052 (b) defines bullying behavior as: (1) engages in bullying that encourages a student to commit or attempt to commit suicide:
	<ul> <li>(2) incites violence against a student through group bullying; or</li> <li>(3) releases or threatens to release intimate visual material of a minor or a student who is 18 years of age or older without the student's consent.</li> </ul>

## **Bullying Law, Standards, and Policy**



### New 87th Legislation: SB 2050 Focuses on...







# **New Legislation –** Prevention/Mediation

The board of trustees of each school district *shall adopt a policy* concerning bullying that <u>Prevents</u> and <u>mediates</u> bullying incidents between students.

Districts need to <u>be careful</u> as mediation between a bully and victim is not research based or proven effective and is not national best practice.

- Misdirections in Bullying Prevention and Intervention
- Bullying as an ACE
- Don't Rely on Peer Mediation to Resolve Bullying



## **New Legislation –** Student Instruction

#### Proposed Standard:

Integrate into instruction research-based content designed to reduce bullying for students in that age group, which include for students in early primary:

- Instruction so students can recognize bullying behaviors;
- classroom culture-building discussions that encourage peers to intervene in a way that is focused on learning from the incident
- Instruction that characterizes bullying as a behavior that results from the student's need to acquire more mature social or coping skills, not an immutable trait

#### Health TEKS

Kindergarten -

- (A) identify bullying behaviors and the role of the bystander;
- (B) identify ways to discourage bullying;
- (C) describe appropriate actions to take in response to bullying such as telling a parent or another [a] trusted adult; and
- (D) explain and practice how to get help from a parent or another trusted adult when made to feel uncomfortable or unsafe by another person.



## New Legislation – Student Instruction

#### Proposed Standard:

Integrate into instruction research-based content designed to reduce bullying for students in that age group, which include for students **in secondary:** 

- Instruction on the brain's neuroplasticity so the student recognizes bullying behavior comes from developmental needs for social status, can change when the brain matures and learns between ways of coping, and is not an immutable trait; and
- Classroom-culture or school-culture-building discussions that encourage peers to portray bullying as an undesirable means for attaining or maintaining social status in school and to dissuade students from using bullying as a tool for reputation management

#### Health TEKS - 7th-8th grade

(13-E) research the current legal

consequences of cyberbullying and

inappropriate digital and online communication.

- 14-B describe the serious effects of bullying, cyberbullying, or harassment such as suicidal ideation and other effects on the individual;
- 14-C explain the responsibility to report bullying behavior, including cyberbullying;
- 14-D describe the seriousness of various forms of bullying such as harassment;
- 14-E analyze strategies for prevention and intervention of all forms of bullying and cyberbullying such as emotional, physical, social, and sexual;



### **New Legislation - Committee Required**

TEC 37.0832 Requires each district campus to establish a committee to address bullying by focusing on prevention efforts and health and wellness initiatives



SHAC Committee

Proposed Standard: Requires each LEA campus to establish a committee, which may be incorporated into an existing committee that otherwise meets the requirements of these minimum standards, to address bullying by focusing on prevention efforts and health and wellness initiatives Campus Improvement Plan

SSSP Team

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### **New Legislation - Student Survey**

An LEA shall conduct an annual age-appropriate student survey to collect data on **bullying**, **including cyberbullying**. The survey should...



- Define how positive school culture will be measured in alignment with the school and LEA's mission, vision, and values, using an age-appropriate survey that includes relevant questions on bullying
- Define who is responsible for the implementation and oversight of action plans based on the results

Survey should includes appropriate privacy controls in compliance with FERPA, 20 U.S.C. §1232g.



### **New Legislation** - District Rubric/Checklist

An LEA **must** develop a rubric or checklist to be used by staff when assessing any incident of alleged bullying to determine the LEA's **response** to the incident.

Other local policies, including the student code of conduct, and state and federal laws may also impact the LEA's response to the incident. The established rubric or checklist should:

- be available in both English and Spanish
- published annually in **student and employee handbooks** and in the **district improvement plan**, where applicable, under TEC, §11.252





### **New Legislation - Reporting and Tracking**

Ensure an easy mechanism for bullying incidents to be reported both anonymously and identifiably by students and staff to an appropriate campus staff member(s). The policy should...

- Encourage student to report bullying to any staff member. Those staff member should report to the appropriately designated staff member(s).
- Provide for a tracking mechanism to allow staff to periodically monitor the counts of bullying incidents.
- Allow staff to understand that declines in the count of bullying incidents may represent either an improvement or decline in climate or reporting.
- Support research-based interventions taken both for the students who engage in bullying behaviors and the students who were targeted by the bullying behaviors





### **New Legislation - Reporting**



### NUMBER-OF-BULLYING-INCIDENTS E1727

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### Websites + Resources





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- TEC 21.451 DMA Legal Required Staff Development Edited by SB 1267
- TEC 37.0832 FFI Legal Student Welfare Freedom From Bullying Edited by SB 2050
- TEC 25.0342 FDB Legal Admin. Intradistrict Transfers and Classroom Assignments
- TEC 37.218 FFF Legal Student Welfare Student Safety
- TEC 37.0832 FFEA Legal Counseling and Mental Health Counseling
- TEC 37.001(a)-(b-1),(e) FO Legal Student Discipline
- TEC 48.009 District Reporting

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## **State and National Resources**

- Title IV, Part A School Safety State Initiative District Resourceshttps://www.esc14.net/page/t4si
- <u>TxSSC Bully Resources</u>
- David's Legacy Foundation
- <u>Federal Bully Prevention</u>
- <u>New SB 1267</u>
- <u>New SB 2050</u>



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### **Evaluations**

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