

## What is bullying ?

House Bill 1942 - passed in 2011 by the 82nd Legislative Session in Texas went into effect during the 2012-13 school year.

According to Denton ISD Board Policy FFI and HB 1942 bullying is described as:

- Engaging in written, verbal, or electronic expression or physical conduct;
- Occurring on school property, at school-sponsored or school related activity or in a vehicle operated by the district;
- Has or will have the effect of physically harming a student or the student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to self or property;
- Is sufficiently severe,

persistent, and pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.



### **Risks associated with bullying include:**

**For the Bully** - Development of antisocial and rule-breaking behaviors which, over time, can escalate to criminal behavior and peer rejection.

**For the Victim** - Development of anxiety, personal injury (in some instances), depression, insecurity, low self-esteem, absenteeism, suicidal ideation.

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# DENTON

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Counseling & Social Services

## Bully Prevention



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## DENTON ISD: Bully Prevention Measures

A positive and safe school climate promotes the academic achievement of all students by enabling teachers to teach and students to learn.

Expectations for student behavior are outlined in the Denton ISD Student Code of Conduct along with appropriate disciplinary actions governing misbehavior. Campus specific rules are available at each school. Concerns about bullying should be addressed as soon as possible with an administrator of the campus involved.

The district has adopted numerous measures to ensure that bullying is prevented or stopped as soon as it is reported. These bully prevention measures include:

- Providing the proper documentation in order for school administrators to investigate any allegation of bullying or persistent misbehavior. It is important for the person reporting the incident to fill out the **Bully Allegation Form** available at each campus or the Counseling Services Department's homepage at <http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/600>.
- Requiring that a school representative make a written statement if the person reporting the incident is not able, or does not wish to fill out the form. The person involved must still notify a school representative about the incident.
- Providing the option to anonymously report the alleged incident through the district's **Choose to Care** reporting system, in addition to the written report form. Choose to Care can be accessed by online at [www.choosetocare.com](http://www.choosetocare.com) or by phone at 1-877-277-3812.



- Notifying the parent or guardian of the victim and the accused bully within a reasonable time of the outcome of the investigation.
- Identifying and providing counseling options for the student who was a victim of or a witness to bullying. The accused bully will be provided with counseling options as well.
- All allegations of bullying on each campus will be tracked in order to identify persistently aggressive students in need of counseling and patterns of incident location in order to improve supervision. These allegations will also be tracked in order to develop guidance and interventions designed to clarify behavior expectations.

- Incidents found to be bullying will be assigned appropriate consequences by the campus administration and may include transfer of the student engaging in bullying to another classroom or campus. All incidents determined to be bullying will be reported to the Superintendent or designated Executive Director of Academic Programs.

- Incidents found not to fit the definition of bullying as described by HB 1942 or Denton ISD Board Policy Policy FFI, but rather an incident of aggressive misbehavior, will be dealt with at the campus level according to the standard disciplinary rules.

## Additional Resources

### NET Cetera

Chatting with Kids about Being Online

<http://www.onguardonline.gov/topics/net-cetera.aspx>

### Cool Kids

A bully prevention website for elementary and middle school students

<http://www.coolkidschannel.com/parentingtips>

### Cyber Safety

Info. from the Texas Young Lawyers Association

<http://www.tyla.org/unsafe/>

### Texas Teens Resource Page

Info. from the Office of the Attorney General

<https://www.oag.state.tx.us/teens/resources/bullying.shtml>

### Stop Bullying Now

Practical research-based strategies and information

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/>

### Stop Bullying Now

Practical research-based strategies to stop bullying

<http://www.stopbullyingnow.com>

### No Child Left Behind Bullying Prevention Website

[http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2822&menu\\_id=798](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2822&menu_id=798)

### Bully Prevention State Initiative

The purpose of the Bully Prevention State Initiative is to provide information to school districts, parents, and students to help prevent, identify, and respond to bullying behavior.

<http://www.esc14.net/preview.aspx?name=bullying>