

JOHN STARK SCHOOL DISTRICT**Cyber-bullying**

See also JIA, JIC

PURPOSE:

The Board recognizes that there are growing occurrences of “cyber-bullying” by students occurring in school and off-campus that interfere with and disrupt the school’s mission to provide a safe, constructive environment that promotes learning and individual growth for every student. Any form of cyber-bullying by a student that interferes with or disrupts the school’s mission or any school sponsored activities is prohibited and will not be tolerated.

DEFINITION:

Cyber-bullying includes, but is not limited to, using electronic communications or postings to harass, defame, intimidate, threaten, stalk, or terrorize another person. Such electronic communications or postings include, but are not limited to, e-mail messages; instant messages; text messages; electronically transmitted images; and web site postings, including postings to social networking web sites and “blogs.”

The School District recognizes that this definition may not be all-inclusive. Therefore, the School District reserves the right to impose discipline for actions that may fall outside this definition but are still within the general purposes of this policy.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

The School District may impose disciplinary measures against a student who is found to have engaged in cyber-bullying that:

- a. Violates any school district rules or regulations;
- b. Threatens violence against a staff member or student; or
- c. Threatens vandalism to school property.

That the student knew or should have known would have a substantial detrimental impact on another person’s ability to participate in or provide educational or other programmatic offerings of the school. A student whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy will be subject to discipline, up to and including expulsion. When warranted, violations of this policy will also be reported to law enforcement authorities.

Any discipline imposed by virtue of this policy will be in accordance and consistent with the applicable School District policy regarding discipline.

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