



“Bullying” means a single significant act or pattern of acts by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an imbalance of power and involves engaging in **written** or **verbal** expression, expression through **electronic** means, or **physical conduct** that satisfies the applicability requirements provided by Subsection (a-1) and that:

1. Has the **effect** or **will have the effect of physically harming** a student, damaging a **student’s property**, or placing a **student in reasonable fear of harm** to the student’s person or of damage to the student’s property,
2. Is sufficiently **severe, persistent, or pervasive** enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment for a student.
3. materially and substantially disrupts the educational process of the orderly operation of a classroom or school; or
4. Infringes on the rights of the victim at school; and
5. Includes **cyberbullying**.

ANTI-BULLYING PARENT PLEDGE

Bastrop ISD is committed to making all students feel safe and secure while attending school. This will be achieved with the help of parents, students, teachers, counselors and administrators. As a parent of a student at Bastrop ISD, I agree to help my child learn to recognize the behaviors that are often associated with bullying and encourage my child to report any bullying incidents about themselves or others to a teacher, counselor or administrator. As a parent, I agree to notify the teacher, counselor or administrator immediately when my child has reported to me that he/she has been the target of a bully or when my child has knowledge of another student who has been the target of a bully.

The act of bullying may exploit an imbalance of power and may interfere with a student’s education or substantially disrupt the operation of a school. Bullying may be based on size, age, gender, race, handicap, color, national origin, etc. Bullying occurs when an individual hurts, frightens, threatens, teases, or excludes another individual through written or verbal expression.

Examples of bullying behaviors **MUST** be **severe, persistent, or pervasive occurrences of the following behaviors:**

1. Hurting someone- whether it is physically (hitting, kicking, pushing, punching, tripping, etc.) or emotionally (name calling, teasing, spreading rumors, making physical gestures, threatening, etc.)
2. Using technology including but not limited to internet, cell phones, or other mobile devices to send, receive, or post text or images that are harmful to others.

Campus _____ Grade _____

Student Name (Printed) _____

Parent Name (Printed) _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____