

## BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING

### Policy Summary

The Big Spring School District strives to provide a safe, positive learning environment for students. Interactions that involve bullying, intimidation or harassment have a negative effect on school climate. Therefore, any behaviors of this type will result in consequences that could range from positive behavior support to exclusion from school.

Bullying is intentional electronic, written, verbal or physical act, or series of acts, directed at another student or students, which occurs in a school setting that is severe, persistent and/or pervasive. It is an act that interferes with a student's education, creates a threatening environment or provides a substantial disruption.

Bullying includes cyberbullying via any form of electronic communication including, but not limited to phone, text messaging, internet, web sites, email, blog, chat rooms and instant messaging.

The District expects that complaints of bullying shall be investigated and corrective action shall take place when allegations are verified. Confidentiality of all parties shall be maintained and no reprisals or retaliation shall occur as a result of good faith reports of bullying.