

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING POLICY

The Plaquemines Parish School Board prohibits the harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying of a student by another student. This includes verbal, written, internet (email, Facebook, Myspace, etc.), text messaging, and phone harassment. The State of Louisiana defines bullying as:

A pattern of one or more of the following:

- (a) Gestures, including but not limited to obscene gestures and making faces.
- (b) Written, electronic, or verbal communications, including but not limited to calling names, threatening harm, taunting, malicious teasing, or spreading untrue rumors. Electronic communication includes but is not limited to a communication or image transmitted by email, instant message, text message, blog, or social networking website through the use of a telephone, mobile phone, pager, computer, or other electronic device.
- (c) Physical acts, including but not limited to hitting, kicking, pushing, tripping, choking, damaging personal property, or unauthorized use of personal property.
- (d) Repeatedly and purposefully shunning or excluding from activities.

Any incident of harassment, intimidation, and bullying should be brought to the attention of an administrator immediately. Administrators will do a thorough investigation in accordance with due process and necessary disciplinary action will be taken in compliance with board policy and state law. In some cases, law enforcement will be called to assist in the investigation.