



Lucerne Valley Unified School District

8560 Alianto Road, Lucerne Valley, CA 92356 * (760) 248-6108 * FAX (760) 248-6677

Board Policy 5131 information

The Lucerne Valley Unified School District has defined bullying as:

1. The aggression is verbal, physical, or psychological in nature.
2. The behaviour is intended to harm or disturb.
3. The aggressive behaviour is carried out repeatedly and over time.
4. There is a physical or psychological imbalance of power.

Legal Notice for Parent/Guardians and Pupils:

Lucerne Valley Unified School District is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. The District prohibits, at any district school or school activity, program, or employment, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and bullying, targeted at any student by anyone, based on the student's actual or perceived race, color, ancestry, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, pregnancy or lactating status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or gender expression or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. If you believe you have been subjected to discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, you should immediately contact the Superintendent, Peter Livingston (Title IX Officer), at (760) 248-6108, Ext. 4131, (or by email at peter_livingston@lucernevalleyusd.org).

Bullying is defined as any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on the pupil's physical or mental health, academic performance, or ability to participate in school activities. *Board Policy 5131.*

Report It:

Any person that has been a victim of, or witnessed bullying or harassment on school grounds, during school activities, or going to and coming from school is highly encouraged to report the incident immediately to a counselor, administrator, or other adult personnel on campus.

Investigation:

The principal or designee shall promptly investigate all complaints of bullying. The student who filed the complaint shall have an opportunity to describe the incident, present witnesses and other evidence of the bullying or harassment, and put his/her complaint in writing.

Any complaint of bullying shall be investigated and, if determined to be discriminatory, resolved in accordance with law and the district's uniform complaint procedures specified in AR 1312.3. If, during the investigation, it is determined that a complaint is about nondiscriminatory bullying, the principal or designee shall inform the complainant and shall take all necessary actions to resolve the complaint.

Discipline:

Corrective actions for a student who commits an act of bullying of any type may include counseling, behavioral intervention and education, and, if the behavior is severe or pervasive as defined in Education Code 48900, may include suspension or expulsion in accordance with district policies and regulations.

Appeal:

If the parent/guardian is in disagreement with the outcome of the investigation, an appeal can be filed at the Lucerne Valley Unified School District Office, located at 8560 Aliento Road, Lucerne Valley, CA.