

# CURWENSVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING

### BOARD POLICY NO. 249

The Curwensville Area School District is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for its students. The District recognizes that bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation, detracts from the safe environment necessary for student learning, and may lead to more serious incidents. Therefore, the District prohibits bullying by its students.

Bullying, including cyberbullying, means an 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 or pervasive and has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education; creating a threatening environment; or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

School setting means in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a designated bus stop or at any activity sponsored, supervised or sanctioned by the school.

The District prohibits all forms of bullying by district students and encourages students who have been bullied to promptly report such incidents to the building principal or designee. Complaints of bullying shall be investigated promptly, and corrective action shall be taken when allegations are verified. Confidentiality of all parties shall be maintained, consistent with the district's legal and investigative obligations. No reprisals or retaliation shall occur as a result of good faith reports of bullying.

Each student shall be responsible to respect the rights of others and to ensure an atmosphere free from bullying. A student who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action consistent with the Code of Student Conduct as published in each school's Student/Parent Handbook.