



POLICY: Prevention of Bullying

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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PRACTICES/PROCEDURES:

Platte River Academy recognizes the negative impact that bullying has on student health, welfare, and safety and on the learning environment at school. Bullying is prohibited on PRA property, at school-sanctioned activities or events and when students are being transported to school-sanctioned activities or events.

All administrators, teachers, classified staff and students share the responsibility to ensure that bullying does not occur at Platte River Academy or at any school-sanctioned activity or event. Toward that end:

- All students who believe that they have been victims of bullying in any such circumstance shall immediately report it to his/her teacher or administrator if a teacher is unavailable.
- All students who witness student bullying in any such circumstance shall immediately report it to his/her teacher or administrator if a teacher is unavailable.
- Teachers and classified staff who witness student bullying in any such circumstance shall immediately take appropriate action to stop the bullying and promptly report the bullying to the principal or principal's designee for appropriate action.
- The principal or principal's designee shall ensure that all reports involving bullying in any such circumstance are promptly and thoroughly investigated, and that appropriate action is taken. Documentation is made on PRA's discipline form.

In determining the appropriate action to be taken in response to incidents of student bullying, the principal or principal's designee shall consider existing Douglas County School District Policies and Regulations that address the type of conduct that may be involved in bullying. Such policies and regulations include, but are not limited to, JBA, JBA-R, JI/JIA, JIC/JICDA, JICF, JICI, JK, JKC, JKC-R, JKD/JKE and JKD/JKE-R.

Discipline for student bullying may include suspension, expulsion and/or classroom removal. In addition, the principal shall consider other actions which may be appropriate in response to student bullying, including but not limited to:

- Holding assemblies and implementing programs to warn students that bullying is prohibited and advise them of the consequences for engaging in bullying activity, to encourage all students to immediately report incidences of student bullying and to engender an atmosphere where bullying is not tolerated at school or school-related activities.
- Holding conferences with the parents of students who continue to engage in bullying after teacher/administrator intervention, in order to develop cooperative strategies to correct the students' behavior.
- Separating students who continue to engage in bullying after teacher/administrator intervention from other students at school or from particular school programs or activities, until they can conform their behavior to acceptable standards.
- Withholding privileges (recess, field trips, participation in extracurricular activities) from students who continue to engage in bullying after teacher/administrator intervention, until they can conform their behavior to acceptable standards.
- Holding training and in-services to assist building staff in being alert to student bullying, taking appropriate action when bullying occurs and helping to engender an atmosphere where bullying is not tolerated at school or school-related activities.

By Order of the Governing Board

Gregory Koneval, President

Date:

Andy Hildebrand, Secretary

Date: