

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating our students to reach their full potential

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Title Summary of Bullying Prohibition

In accordance with the Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act, this summary of the District 196 regulation on bullying prohibition must be posted in the administrative offices of each school and the school district.

Students have the right to be safe and free from threatening situations on school property, at school activities and in district vehicles. Bullying interferes with students' ability to learn and teachers' ability to educate students in a safe environment. To the extent bullying affects the educational environment of the schools, it is the school district's intent to prevent bullying from occurring, and to investigate and respond to bullying that has not been prevented.

Bullying is defined as intimidating, threatening, abusive or harming conduct that is objectively offensive and there is an actual or perceived imbalance of power between the student engaging in prohibited conduct and the target of the behavior and the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern; or materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services or privileges.

The Act defines cyberbullying as using technology or other electronic communication, including, but not limited to, a transfer of a sign, signal, writing, image, sound or data, including a post on a social network Internet website or forum, transmitted through a computer, cell phone or other electronic device.

Bullying behavior should be reported to a staff member. The district's processes for reporting and responding to bullying behavior can be found on the district website or can be obtained from your school principal or program coordinator.

For Administrative Regulation 503.8AR, Bullying Prohibition, go to <http://www.district196.org/District/schoolboard/policies/500/503.8AR.pdf>.

For District Procedure 503.8P, Report of Bullying Behavior, go to <http://www.district196.org/District/schoolboard/policies/500/503.8P.pdf>.