

# SSID Fact Sheet

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## Anti-Bullying Statement of Commitment

### SAMPLE STATEMENT

The \_\_\_\_\_ is committed to providing a safe learning  
(Name of School)  
environment for our students. Student achievement is best attained in an atmosphere that is free from fear of emotional, mental, and physical intimidations and threat. Bullying is a destructive behavior that interferes with the educational process.

#### **Definition of Bullying**

Bullying is defined as any verbal, emotional, written, physical expression, gesture, embarrassment, humiliation, act or pattern thereof, that is intended to cause distress, fear or humiliation upon a student(s).

Our faculty, students, and parents will not tolerate behavior that falls within the definition of bullying. When such actions occur, the school will take steps to eliminate such behavior.

#### **Anti-Bullying Strategies**

We will:

- Provide anti-bullying programs and educational materials to educate the faculty, staff, students, and parents on the nature, consequences, and effects of bullying.
- Emphasize our school's intolerance for bullying.
- Encourage all school employees, students, parents, and volunteers to report any instances of bullying without fear of retaliation.
- Investigate all reports and incidents of bullying.
  - Students found guilty of participating in bullying behavior will be subjected to disciplinary action that is appropriate to the bullying behavior.
  - Actions taken against the offending student(s) will take into account the age of the offender, the level of seriousness of the behavior, and whether the offending student has a history of bullying behavior.

By signing this *Anti-Bullying Statement of Commitment*, we the school, faculty, parents, and students agree to join together to make our school a safe learning environment.

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Principal

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Classroom Teacher

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Parent

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Student

Sources: Arkansas Department of Education. Recommendations for Writing Anti-Bullying Policies. Retrieved October 29, 2003 from [http://arkedu.state.ar.us/dirmemos/attachments/Policy\\_Writing\\_Reccs.doc](http://arkedu.state.ar.us/dirmemos/attachments/Policy_Writing_Reccs.doc).