PREVENTING AND MANAGING CYBER ISSUES

CYBERBULLYING DEFINITION

• Uses any electronic communication device
• Text, image, audio or video message
• Defames, intimidates, harasses or otherwise harms, insults or humiliates
• Deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted
• Disrupts or prevents a safe and positive educational or working environment
• Perpetrator’s true or false identity

SAMPLE POLICIES

Contact Oregon School Boards Association’s policy department with questions about policies
Samples online: http://www.osba.org/Resources/Article/Board_Policy/Sample_policy_JFCF.aspx

GCAB: Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media – Staff
GBNA, GBNA-AR: Hazing/ Harassment/Intimidation/ Bullying/Menacing – Staff
JFCF, JFCF-AR: Harassment Intimidation/Bullying Cyberbullying/Teen Dating Violence – Student

IN REAL LIFE

• Manslauter conviction for encouraging suicide via text - case outcome
• Popular Netflix show explores themes associated with teen suicide and bullying
• Bullying and the Trump era (numerous examples)
• News article: Parents of 12-year-old girl who committed suicide after cyberbullying to sue school district | District response
RESOURCES
TO KEEP YOUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND SCHOOLS SAFE.

- Stop bullying government website
- Common Sense Media
- Stay Safe Online
- A digital citizenship code of conduct for children
- News article: Social media boundaries: Should teachers and students be friends?
- (Reuters) bullying study: Parents make a difference
- Comprehensive cyberbullying resource: Helping the bullied, stopping the bullies
- Rachel’s Challenge: Peer intervention program consisting of assemblies and clubs
- Challenge Day: One day program, offers instruction, small group and followup. Adult volunteers required.
- Upstand: Encourages witnesses to take a stand and provides them with skills to interrupt harassment and bullying incidents
- Restorative Justice
- Peace Village: Curriculum for day camps
- Teaching Tolerance: Newsletter and publication resources
- Peel School District: Templates and resources for schools, parents
- Show Racism the Red Card:
  - United Kingdom Program
  - Canadian Program