

CENTRAL CATHOLIC JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL BULLYING GUIDELINES



The Indiana State Legislature has passed legislation regarding bullying in schools. We are required by law to address bullying in our schools.

According to Indiana Codes 20-33-8-0.2 and 20-33-8-13.5 bullying is defined as:

Overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in **any manner including electronically or digitally**, physical acts committed, aggression, or any other similar behaviors that are committed by a student or group of student against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student and create for the targeted student an objectively hostile school environment that:

1. Places the targeted student in reasonable fear of harm to the targeted student's person or property;
2. Has a substantially detrimental effect on the targeted student's physical or mental health.
3. Has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's academic performance; or
4. Has the effect of substantially interfering with the targeted student's ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities and privileges provided by the school.

It is important to note that bullying can occur **regardless of the physical location** of the incident so long as the student acting as the bully and the targeting student attend **Lafayette Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School**.

Additionally, school administrators must:

1. Investigate **all** reports of bullying immediately and include what actions or responses were taken to address the alleged bullying.
2. Notify on a regular, periodic basis the progress and findings of their investigations to the parents of the bully and the parents of the targeted student.
3. Provide training to school personnel, parents, and students concerning the identification, prevention, and intervention in bullying.
4. Work with school personnel and other community resources to provide information and/or follow-up services for the targeted student and educate the student engaging in bullying behavior on the effects and prevention of bullying.
5. Determine if the bullying behavior is a violation of law and required to be reported to law enforcement.

Teachers, Staff, Students and Parents must:

1. Notify school administrators of any reported bullying incidents.
2. Fill out the Proper Bullying Report Form and return it within one day to the designated school administrator.

It is imperative that we follow these guidelines to be in accordance with these new laws. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Central Catholic has provided two forms for you and your student to use when reporting bullying incidents. It is vital that you document each incident involving bullying and the steps taken in response.