

SUPERIOR NORTH CATHOLIC District School Board

Policy: BULLYING PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

Effective: March 21, 2011

Policy Statement:

The Superior North Catholic District School Board recognizes that providing students with an opportunity to learn and develop in a safe and respectful environment, is a shared responsibility in which school boards and schools play an important role. In keeping with current legislation, the Board shall endeavour to ensure that the school environment is one of respect, dignity and trust consistent with the Gospel Values. All members of the school community, including staff, students, parents/guardians and visitors, will be respectful to one another and are responsible in helping to create a safe and caring school environment free from bullying.

Bullying adversely affects a school’s ability to educate its students, students’ ability to learn, as well as healthy relationships and the school climate. Schools that implement bullying prevention and intervention strategies, foster a positive learning and teaching environment that supports academic achievement for all students and helps students reach their full potential. It is required that each school address bullying prevention and intervention strategies in their Code of Conduct.

Bullying will not be accepted on school property, at school related activities, on school buses, or in any other circumstances (eg. on line) where engaging in bullying has a negative impact on the school climate.

<p><u>Cross Reference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • V103/AR103 Student Discipline • Equity & Inclusive Education 	<p><u>Prior Date Approved</u> April 14, 2008</p> <p><u>Revised Date Approved</u> March 21, 2011</p> <p><u>Board Motion</u> #26/11</p> <p><u>Review Prior To</u> March, 2014</p>	<p><u>Legal/Ministry Reference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Amendment Act (Progressive Discipline & School Safety, 2007) • Shaping Safer Schools: A Bullying Prevention Plan, 2006 • Education Act (Sections 265(l)(m), 302(1)(3)(4), 305, 306, Regs. 298, 472/07 • Ontario Human Rights Code • PPM’s 128, 141, 142, 144, 145
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