

Bullying Defined

Louisiana Law (La. R.S. 17:416.13) defines Bullying as a **pattern** of any one or more of the following:

- **Gestures**, including but not limited to obscene gestures and making faces;
- Written, electronic, or verbal **communication**, including but not limited to calling names, threatening harm, taunting, malicious teasing, or spreading untrue rumors
 - Electronic communication includes but is not limited to a communication or image transmitted by e-mail, instant message, text message, blog, social networking website through the use of a telephone, mobile phone, pager, computer, or other electronic device
- **Physical acts**, such as hitting, kicking, pushing, tripping, choking, damaging personal property, or unauthorized use of personal property; and/or
- Repeatedly and purposefully **shunning or excluding** from activities

Definition – Continued

The **pattern of behavior**:

- Occurs, or is received by, a student:
 - While on **school** property,
 - at a school-sponsored or school-related function or activity,
 - in any school bus or van,
 - at any designated bus stop, or
 - in any other private vehicle used to transport students to and from schools, or any school-sponsored activity or event

Definition – Continued

The pattern of behavior must have the effect of:

Physically harming the student, or placing the student in reasonable fear of physical harm, or

Damaging the student's property, or placing the student in reasonable fear of damage to the student's property, or

Be sufficiently severe, persistent, and pervasive enough to:

- Create an intimidating or threatening educational environment,
- Have the effect of substantially interfering with a student's performance in school, or
- Have the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school

Cyberbullying

- Bullying through any use of technology.
- On or off school property, which causes a concern at the school.

Then What is *not* Bullying?

Behavioral acts alone are *not* sufficient for a behavior to be considered “bullying” under Louisiana law.

You as an equal participant is not bullying.

Additional factors must also be met for behavior to be considered “bullying,” including:

- ***where*** the behavior occurs or is received,
- the ***effect*** of the behavior on the target/recipient

What to do if you feel like you are being bullied?

- Fill out an alleged incident form in the main office.
- Sign-up to see Ms. Young, Ms. Licona or Mr. Melancon.
- Report with link on school board or school home page:
 - <https://forms.gle/aeortoZqGgCkNFa96>
 - Mrs. Licona's google classroom form