

## **EACS Board Policy-Bullying**

It is the policy of East Allen County Schools to educate its students in a safe environment that is free from bullying. Indiana law defines bullying as overt, repeated acts or gestures, including:

1. verbal or written communications transmitted;
2. physical acts committed; or
3. any other behaviors committed;

by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the other student.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student to bully another student:

1. on school grounds immediately before, during, or immediately after school hours;
2. at any time when the school is being used by a school group;
3. off school grounds at a school activity, function or event;
4. when traveling to or from school or a school activity, function or event; or
5. when using property or equipment provided by the school.

Student should immediately report bullying to any school staff member.

Educational training will be provided to school personnel, parents, and student concerning the identification, reporting, prevention and intervention in bullying

Staff will investigate reports of bullying as appropriate and intervene when necessary.

EACS will also encourage parents to become involved in resolving situations involving bullying.