

HARASSMENT / BULLYING

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School recognized the right of all students to attend school in a safe and comfortable environment that is free of bullying and harassment. Verbal, physical, and sexual harassment of others will not be tolerated. The principal or designee will investigate promptly all reports of bullying or retaliation and in doing so will consider all available information known including the nature of the allegations and the ages of the students involved. The principal or designee will remind the alleged aggressor, target, and witnesses that retaliations strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action. The extent practicable, and given the obligation to investigate and address the matter, the principal or designee will maintain confidentiality during the investigative process. Procedures for investigating reports of bullying and retaliation will be consistent with Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District policies and procedures for investigations. The full Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan can be obtained on the district website at <http://www.drregional.org/drregional/>.

Racial harassment is included in this area. When a student comes forth with a complaint that he/she has been the subject of racial harassment, the procedures set forth under the Policy 1480.5, Appendix G, Procedures for Responding to Complaints, will be followed.

Sexual harassment is also included in this area. When a student comes forth with a complaint that he/she has been the subject of sexual harassment, the procedures set forth in the School Committee Policy on Sexual Harassment, Appendix G will be followed. Consequences for students are a verbal warning/reprimand, a written warning/reprimand entered into the student's file, suspension, expulsion, an apology to the victim, a written paper on the topic, learning about sexual harassment, referral for psychological assessment, parent/student/school administrator conference, police involvement, community service, and/or other sanctions deemed appropriate by the school administrator.

Students who bully and/or harass others will be subject to disciplinary measures that may include suspension from school. Students who feel they are being harassed should report the incident immediately to a teacher, guidance counselor, adjustment counselor, or administrator.