

# POLICY

## BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

**Related Entries:** Policy JCC

**Responsible Office:** ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

### BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING/HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION/HAZING/BIAS BEHAVIOR

#### A. PURPOSE

To provide a policy to create and support schools that are safe climates to learn by prohibiting bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation, hazing, and bias behaviors within Anne Arundel County Public Schools.

#### B. ISSUE

Students who experience bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation, hazing, and bias behavior are at significant risk of a range of health, safety, and educational problems. The prevention of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation, hazing, and bias behavior requires a concerted effort to support a whole-school-based bullying prevention and intervention program that involves all stakeholders in a school community.

#### C. POSITION

The Board of Education delegates authority to the Superintendent to develop guidance and regulations for ensuring that all schools are in compliance with Section 7-424.1 of the Education Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Superintendent shall designate the Principal of each school to ensure that clear guidance and enforcement of rules related to bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation, hazing, and bias behavior occur at the local school to support this policy. Reprisal or retaliation against individuals (victims, witnesses, or bystanders) who report acts of bullying, cyberbullying, harassment and intimidation, hazing or bias behavior is prohibited.

#### D. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent is authorized to develop regulations to implement this policy and to promulgate the Code of Student Conduct for rules regarding expected student behavior.

**Policy History:** Adopted on 6/17/09.

**Note previous policy history:** This is a new Policy whose Regulation replaces Regulation JCC-RAE issued on 6/7/06.