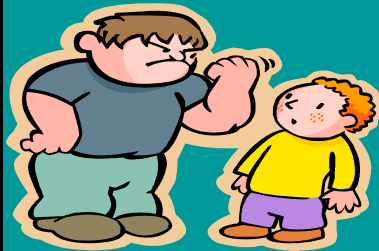


Bullying in School (NC Law)




As defined by NC law . . .

- “Bullying or harassing behavior” is any pattern of gestures or written, electronic, or verbal communications, OR any physical act OR any threatening communication that takes place on school property, at any school sponsored function, or on a school bus, AND that ...

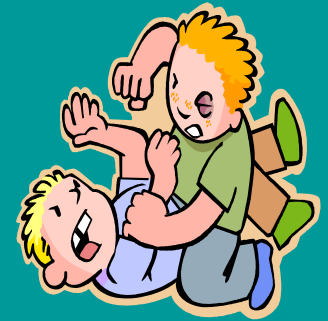


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- ◆ Places a student or school employee in actual and reasonable fear of harm to his or her person OR damage to his or her property; OR
 - ◆ Creates or is certain to create a hostile environment by substantially interfering with or impairing a student's educational performance, opportunities or benefits.
 - ◆ For purposes of this section, "hostile environment" means that the victim views the conduct as bullying or harassing behavior AND the conduct is objectively severe or pervasive enough that a reasonable person would agree that it is bullying or harassing behavior.

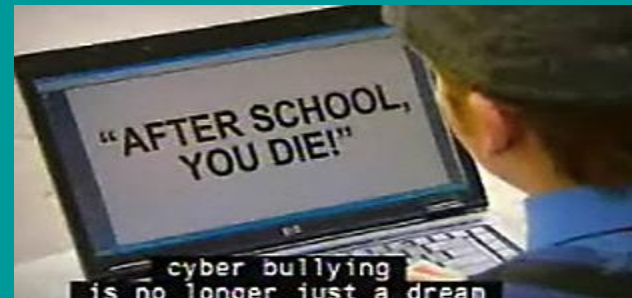
What is Bullying ?

- ◆ Physical or psychological intimidation that occurs repeatedly over time.
- ◆ Bullying is a form of abuse.
- ◆ Bullying can range from being obvious (teasing, hitting, or stealing).
- ◆ Bullying can be covert (spreading rumors or excluding others).



Types of Bullying

- ◆ **School Bullying**
 - isolating students, teasing them, threatening them at school.
- ◆ **Hazing**
 - harassment or humiliation in order to fit into a social group.
- ◆ **Cyberbullying**
 - intimidating people through email, cellphone, text messages, websites, and online games.



Consequences of School Bullying

- ◆ Zero Tolerance
- ◆ Up to 10 days suspension or recommendation for long-term suspension, with possible expulsion for serious violations involving the use of physical force.
- ◆ The possibility of legal charges for bullying.



Effects of School Bullying

Bullying can cause the person to feel:

- ◆ Loneliness
- ◆ Depression
- ◆ Low self-esteem
- ◆ Can lead to suicide



Bullying Victims who committed suicide.



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Consequences for bullying

What to do if you are bullied ?

- ◆ Let teachers or other staff know that there is a problem.
- ◆ In order to help we must know that there's a problem.

