



## Anti-Bullying Contacts

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New Jersey’s Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act was signed into law on January 5, 2011. The provisions of this law take effect September 1, 2011. There are many new requirements in the Act requiring every school district to have an Anti-Bullying Coordinator and every school to have an Anti-Bullying Specialist and School Safety Team.

The State of New Jersey defines harassment, intimidation, or bullying” means as any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication\*, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents that:

1. Is reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability; or
2. By any other distinguishing characteristic; and that
3. Takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.3, that substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other pupils; and that
4. A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, that the act(s) will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a pupil or damaging the pupil’s property, or placing a pupil in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or
5. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any pupil or group of pupils; or
6. Creates a hostile educational environment for the pupil by interfering with a pupil’s education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the pupil.

\**Electronic communication* means a communication transmitted by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, cellular phone, computer, or pager.

**If you have an incident to report, please contact the school where the incident occurred or the school where the student attends:**

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