

OSD Report of a Bullying Incident

This is a report to gather important information to facilitate an appropriate investigation of a suspected bullying incident. We appreciate the information you are about to provide. Pursuant to SDCL 13-32-16(3), the report may be filed anonymously.

BULLYING is a pattern of repeated conduct that causes physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students that may include threats, intimidation, stalking, physical violence, theft, destruction of property, any threatening use of data or computer software, written or verbal communication, or conduct directed against a student that:

1. Places a student in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property; and either
2. Substantially interferes with a student's educational performance; or
3. Substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a school.
4. Includes retaliation against a student for asserting or alleging an act of bullying.

STALKING is defined as:

1. Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly following another person,
2. Making a credible threat to another person with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or great bodily injury; or,
3. Willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly harassing another person by means of any verbal, electronic, digital media, mechanical, telegraphic, or written communication.

CYBERBULLYING includes transmission of information over the internet or other forms of electronic communications on computers, tablets, cell phones, or other devices, and will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to harassing, teasing, intimidating, threatening or terrorizing another person by sending or posting inappropriate and/or hurtful emails, text messages, pictures or images, website postings, blogs, or any form of social media. Pursuant to SDCL 13-32-18, neither the physical location nor the time of day of any incident involving the use of computers or other electronic devices is a defense to any disciplinary action taken by a school district for conduct determined to meet the definition of bullying in § 13-32-15.

NOTE: This includes ALL acts of bullying.

We take bullying very seriously so please take your time to be as accurate and honest as possible.

Victim's Name (optional): _____

School associated with the incident: _____

Suspected Bully's Name: _____

Date of alleged incident (month/day/year): _____

List any potential witnesses: _____

Detailed description of the incident: _____

If additional information is needed please submit additional sheets