

## Freedom from Bullying

Mabank Independent School District prohibits bullying, including cyberbullying:

- On school property;
- At school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property; or
- In any vehicle being used for transporting students to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity.

Bullying may include physical conduct or verbal or written expression, including electronic expression, that was delivered to school property or to the site of a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or off school property or outside of a school-sponsored or school-related activity, if the cyberbullying interferes with a student's educational opportunities or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activity.

Bullying is not tolerated by the District, and any student or parent of a student who believes that the student or another student has experienced bullying or that a student has engaged in bullying is encouraged to immediately report the incident. Retaliation against anyone involved in the reporting process is a violation of District policy and is prohibited.

Students or parents may report an alleged incident of bullying, orally or in writing, to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or other District employee. Students or parents may contact the District to obtain an Incident Report Form that may be used to submit the report. A student may report the incident anonymously via the anonymous alert link found at the top of all District web pages.

Please note that after submission of the report to the District employee, if an incident of bullying is confirmed, the District will notify the parent of the alleged victim and the parent of the alleged bully. The District may assign the report to a campus administrator to follow up on the submitted report and any other important matters pertaining to the report. We encourage you to communicate with your designated campus administrator during this time.

More information about the District's bullying policy can be found at the following link [FFI](#).