

Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights (HIB)

On January 6, 2011, Governor Christie signed the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. This law went into effect September 1, 2011. The intent of the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights is to strengthen the standards and procedures for preventing, reporting, investigating, and responding to incidences of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB) of students that occur in school and off school premises.

Hillside School District prohibits all acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying of our students, and has developed and approved board policies and protocols to address and promptly investigate all HIB complaints, in adherence with the procedures set forth in the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights. Each school has assembled a School Safety Team led by the school's Anti-Bullying Specialist.

Parents, students, and staff members have access to important information about the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act by clicking the "HIB Information" link on the district website homepage: <http://www.hillsidek12.org>.

We are being proactive in providing our staff and students with as much HIB information as possible. However, compliance with the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act will require a real partnership and ongoing communication between parents and school in order to help students understand their individual responsibility to be respectful, civic-minded people.

Our school district is committed to doing its part to make sure we adhere to the guidelines in the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights so that all Hillside students learn in a safe educational setting free from harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

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