

## Hill Classical Middle School Anti-Bullying Policy

Bullying is defined as any physical, verbal, or indirect hurtful or aggressive act toward an individual or group that is intentional and typically repeated. Cyberbullying is a form of bullying and is defined as a misuse of technology to harass intimidate, bully or terrorize another person. The bully seeks power or control with actions that may include the following:

**Physical:** Pushing, shoving, hitting, kicking, theft

**Verbal:** Name calling, teasing, laughing at, threatening

**Indirect:** Spreading rumors, excluding someone from a group, gossiping.

**Cyberbullying:** Inappropriate rumors or threats sent through e-mails, instant messages, text messages, or Web site posts, with the sender often anonymous or disguised as someone else.

Within Hill Classical Middle School, it is made clear that bullying will not be tolerated.

The following interventions may be taken for bullying incidents:

- Official warnings
- Detention
- Exclusion from activities
- Points
- Suspension
- Filing of harassment charges
- Disciplinary transfer
- Removal of internet services

### Reporting Bullying

An anonymous box is available inside of the A Building for students to report bullying incidents.

Students can report bullying to any faculty member. However there will be two designated teachers, one male and one female, who will be determined at the beginning of

each school year for kids to report to for help, advice, or support about incidents of bullying.

The acronym S-T-O-M-P will be used to remind students about bullying.

**S**tay away from bullies.

**T**ell someone.

**O**nly be in safe areas at Hill.

**M**ake friends.

**P**roject confidence.

**S**tay away from bullies. Stay away from anyone or any group of kids who don't like you or are mean to others. Try taking a different route to and from school. If you are being bullied on the bus, make sure your driver is aware of the problems, and attempt to sit near the front of the bus within view of the driver.

**T**ell someone. Tell someone you trust if you are being bullied, perhaps a trusted teacher, counselor, principal, or your parents. Tell them what happened, what you did, and who bullied you. Also note where it happened and if anyone else saw. If you tell someone that doesn't take you seriously enough, tell someone else.

**O**nly be in safe areas. Avoid unsupervised areas before school, during passing periods, at lunch and after school. Try to stay within the view of an adult as much as possible and avoid being alone in remote parts of the buildings and locker rooms.

**M**ake friends at Hill and stick together. Join a club or after school sport.

**P**roject confidence. Don't challenge a bully, but respond firmly or say nothing and walk away to the nearest adult. Walk away to the nearest adult.