

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

Trinity Christian School's desired standard of behavior is no bullying in the school. Teachers will actively and consistently teach positive behavior and anti-bullying messages, dissuading aggressive, harassing, or any type of bullying behavior, using Jesus as the model of behavior. *John 15:12-^v My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.*"

Definition: "Bullying' is the repeated intimidation of others by the real or threatened infliction of physical, verbal, written, electronically transmitted, or emotional abuse, or through attacks on the property of another. It may include, but not be limited to, actions such as verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs, including ethnically-based or gender-based verbal putdowns, extortion of money or possessions, retaliation, stalking, public humiliation, and exclusion from peer groups within school."

A second, more concise, definition: "Bullying' happens when a person is exposed repeatedly and over time to negative action on the part of one or more persons."

Such conduct is contrary to the behavior, values, and principles taught by our Savior, and are disruptive of the educational process. Therefore, bullying is not acceptable behavior in Trinity Christian School.

If it is determined that a student is engaged in "bullying behavior", the classroom and/or school discipline plan will be followed. If the behavior is extreme, the student may be removed from class or suspended from school for a given amount of time without following the normal steps in the discipline plan.

Please note: Sometimes students, especially when they are very young, have not developed the interpersonal skills necessary to express their needs and feelings. Therefore, sometimes students will be mean to each other or physically hurt each other occasionally. We do not consider this occasional misbehavior "bullying". In these instances, the teachers and staff will attempt to work with these students to help them express themselves with words and good choices when faced with an undesirable situation.