

# Bullying Defined

The definition includes three important parts. It suggests that bullying:

- \* is aggressive behavior that involves unwanted, negative actions,
- \* involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time, and
- \* involves an imbalance of power or strength.

Bullying is...

...any intentional and unwanted act or conduct that is...

...electronic...

...written...

...verbal...

...physical...

...and based on, **at a minimum**, any of the following **actual or perceived traits**...

Age / Color / Creed / National Origin / Race / Religion / Marital Status / Sex / Sexual Orientation /  
Gender Identity / Physical Attributes / Physical or Mental Ability or Disability / Ancestry /  
Political Party Preference / Political Belief / Socioeconomic Status / Familial Status

...which creates an objectively hostile school environment,  
defined as **any one or more** of the following...

Student's  
reasonable  
fear of harm  
to self or  
property

Substantially detrimental effect on the student's...

...physical  
or mental  
health.

...ability to  
perform  
academically.

...ability to participate  
in/benefit from the  
school's services,  
activities, or privileges.