

Newberg School District 29J

Code: **GBNAA/JFCFA**
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Cyberbullying

“Cyberbullying” is defined as the use of any electronic communication device to convey a message in any form (text, image, audio or video) that defames, intimidates, harasses, stalks or is otherwise intended to harm, insult or humiliate another in a deliberate, repeated or hostile and unwanted manner under a person’s true or false identity. In addition, any communication of this type which substantially disrupts or prevents a safe and positive educational environment may also be considered cyberbullying. The Board is committed to providing a positive and productive educational environment. Any activity by students, staff or third parties, identified as cyberbullying is prohibited and shall not be tolerated in the district.

The district shall take any report of cyberbullying seriously and shall investigate credible reports promptly. Students are encouraged to report an incident immediately to a teacher or principal, who shall take appropriate action. Students who make a report are expected, but not required, to preserve evidence of cyberbullying. For example, a student may save or bring a copy of an email, text message, picture or other electronic transmission that the student believes was intended to harm, insult or humiliate.

The district may revoke the privilege of a student, staff or third party to use any district electronic equipment if they have used district electronic equipment or the electronic communication system to engage in cyberbullying.

Students whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to loss of privileges, discipline, up to and including expulsion. Staff whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal. Third parties whose behavior is found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined and imposed by the superintendent or Board. The district may also report individuals to law enforcement if necessary.

Students and staff shall participate in an internet/electronic communications review annually to ensure awareness of and compliance with district use policies.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 163.190](#)
[ORS 166.065](#)
[ORS 166.155 - 166.165](#)
[ORS 332.072](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 339.240](#)
[ORS 339.250](#)
[ORS 339.351 - 339.364](#)
HB 2637 (2007)

[OAR 581-021-0045](#)
[OAR 581-021-0046](#)
[OAR 581-021-0055](#)
[OAR 581-022-1140](#)

Cross Reference(s):

JFCFB - Personal Communication Devices
JFCFA/GBNAA - Cyberbullying