

#### Local Board Policy Requirements

• House Bill 250 states that each local board of education shall adopt a policy that prohibits Bullying of a student and shall require such prohibition to be included in the student Code of Conduct for schools in that system.

#### What is Bullying...(in Georgia)

- Any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person, when accompanied by an apparent present ability to do so.
- Any intentional display of force that would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm.

## What is Bullying (continued)

3. Any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate.

#### Bullying:

- Causes another person substantial physical harm or visible bodily harm.
- Affects the student's education.
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

#### What is Bullying (continued)

Bullying also involves acts which occur through the use of electronic communication, whether or not such an electronic act originated on school property or with school equipment. The electronic communication can be bullying if it:

- is directed specifically at students or school personnel,
- is maliciously intended for the purpose of threatening the safety of those specified or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school, and
- it creates a reasonable fear of harm to the student's or school personnel's person or property, or has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose.

Electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, any transfer of signs, signals, writings, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photo electronic, or photo optical system.

### Where Can Bullying Occur?

- Bullying may occur...
  - On school property, school vehicles, at designated school bus stops, or at school related functions /activities.
  - By the use of data or software that is accessed through a computer, a computer system, a computer network, or any other electronic technology.

# REPORT BULLYING ANONYMOUSLY

- Your child can tell their teacher or another adult - they can simply write an anonymous note
- They can ask to be referred to the Counselor's office
- They can ask you, the parent, to call the Counselor's office
- They can mail their counselors Ms. Burk & Ms. Smith
- They can use the Anonymous Alerts App - it really is anonymous!!





Use the Anonymous Alerts App to report bullying or unsafe behavior...

- Download the App to your cell phone or use your computer
- Someone will be able to communicate with you if you use your cell phone
- You will still remain anonymous!



#### Let's All Work Together!

