

**Fulton County School District  
Confirmation of Access, Review and Agreement of the District Behavior  
Expectations  
(Code of Conduct Handbook) and Fulton County Schools Handbooks.**

I certify that I have read the "Fulton County District Behavior Expectations and Discipline Code Handbook" that is online at [www.fulton.ky.schools.us](http://www.fulton.ky.schools.us) listed under BOE important documents and have read my **child's school handbook** and understand that my child will be required to abide by the rules and consequences listed in these documents.

I am aware that this form will be placed in his/her school record as verification that I have a copy or access to the "Fulton County District Behavior Expectation (Code of Conduct) and the schools handbook."

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(Student Name, grade level—please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**A copy of the District's Behavior Expectations and Discipline Code Handbook and Fulton County Schools Handbook 2020-2021 and the school's 2020-2021 handbook may be provided to you by the DPP or Principal upon your request.**

# BULLYING/HAZING

In order to effectively participate in the democratic process as adults, students must learn to respect the rights of others and to interact with them in a civil manner. Therefore, students are required to speak and behave in a civil manner toward students, staff and visitors to the schools.

## BULLYING DEFINED

**Bullying means any unwanted verbal, physical, or social behavior among students that involves a real or perceived power imbalance and is repeated or has the potential to be repeated:**

1. That occurs on school premises, on school-sponsored transportation, or at a school-sponsored activity; or
2. That disrupts the education process.

**This definition shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate or cultural practices protected under the state or federal Constitution where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process**

## ACTIONS NOT TOLERATED

The use of lewd, profane or vulgar language is prohibited. In addition, students shall not engage in behaviors such as hazing, bullying, menacing, taunting, intimidating, verbal or physical abuse of others, or other threatening behavior. This policy extends to any/all student language or behavior including, but not limited to, the use of electronic or online methods.

Such behavior is disruptive of the educational process and interferes with the ability of other students to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered.

These provisions shall not be interpreted to prohibit civil exchange of opinions or debate protected under the state or federal constitutions where the opinion expressed does not otherwise materially or substantially disrupt the education process or intrude upon the rights of others.

Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

## REPORTS

As provided in the District Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline, students that believe they are victims of bullying/hazing shall be provided with a process to enable them to report such incidents to District personnel for appropriate action.

## OTHER CLAIMS

When a complaint is received that does not appear to be covered by this policy, administrators shall review other policies that may govern the allegations, including but not limited to, 09.426 and/or 09.42811. Harassment/discrimination allegations shall be governed by Policy 09.4281

Notification of parent(s) of a student involved in an incident at the school shall be made within 48 hours of the initial reporting of such incident, if the incident is minor in nature, or needs further investigation. The fact that any major incident requires immediate notification of the parent(s) of a student should be understood. KRS 158.156 covers information needed for such a report. The determination of whether immediate notification is need will be made by the school principal or his/her designee. Students should report any violation of the code of conduct to the principal/designee.

The principal or designee shall investigate and notify parents/guardians, or others exercising control or supervision of the student within 48 hours of the incident.

The principal shall also notify in writing the local school board and local law enforcement agencies or the Department of Kentucky State Police or the County Attorney within 48 hours, when necessary.

Retaliation against an individual who had reported the violation is strictly forbidden. Any incidents of retaliation should be reported immediately to the principal/designee.

All students, school employees, parents, legal guardians, or other persons exercising custodial control or supervision will be informed of the Code requirements and consequences by receiving the Code of Conduct booklet.

**I HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE BULLYING/HAZING POLICY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

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PARENT SIGNATURE

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE