

Book BYLAWS AND POLICIES

Section 5000 STUDENTS

Title BULLYING

Code 5517.01

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Bullying is prohibited in Edison School of the Arts as referenced in Indiana Code 20-33-8-0.2 and IPS Board Policy No. 5517.01

Bullying is defined as overt, unwanted, repeated acts or gestures, including verbal or written communications or images transmitted in any manner (including digitally or electronically), physical acts committed, aggression, or any other behaviors that are committed by a student or group of students against another student with the intent to harass, ridicule, humiliate, intimidate, or harm the targeted student and create for the targeted student an objectively hostile environment.

Students may not engage in bullying on school grounds, or while traveling to or from a school or a school activity, function or event. Further, bullying is prohibited on school grounds while using property or equipment provided by the school or while attending a school activity, function, or event.

Principals are responsible for informing students, parents, teachers and staff that bullying will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including suspension and expulsion. Further, principals are encouraged to engage students, staff, and parents in meaningful discussions about the negative aspects

of bullying. The parent involvement may be through parent organizations already in place in each school.

Parents or students who suspect that bullying is taking place should report the matter to the principal. Upon receiving the report, the principal will investigate the matter at the building level and consequences will be assessed as appropriate, consistent with the Board's policy entitled "Student Discipline".