

Bullying/Cyberbullying:

The Facts, The Definition and The Behavior

Note: MCSD prohibits Bullying and/or Cyberbullying in any form!

- Attendance is affected by bullying.
- Most common form of youth violence is “Bullying”.
- Three forms of bullying are:
 1. **Direct (Male)**
 2. **Indirect (Female)**
 3. **Verbal (Female)**
- Psychological bullying lasts longer than physical bullying.
- There is a strong link between bullying and self-harm.
- Kids with disabilities and the LGBT population are bullied more often.

Bullying behavior:

- Any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person, when accompanied by an apparent ability to do so; or
- Any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm; or
- Any intentional written, verbal or physical act which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate, that:
 1. Causes another person substantial physical harm, or visible harm.
 2. Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student’s education;
 3. Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
 4. Has the effect of substantially disturbing the orderly operation of the school.

Cyberbullying:

- The term “bullying” as used also applies to cyberbullying, which is behavior that occurs through the use of electronic communication.
- Whether or not such electronic act originated at school, or with school equipment, where such electronic communication:
 1. Is directed specifically at students or school personnel;
 2. Is maliciously intended for the purpose of threatening the safety of those specified or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school, and
 3. Creates a reasonable fear of harm to the student or schools’ personnel’s person or property or has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose.

Muscogee County School District would like for students to report all acts of “bullying” to an adult, anonymously, and/or silent report:

Phone: (706) 748-2267 or Email: Bully.free@muscogee.k12.ga.us