

# New Jersey's New Anti-Bullying Law

Burlington Township High School  
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# About the Law:

- Being called the nation's toughest anti-bullying law.
- Signed by Governor Christie on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- Takes full effect the 2011-2012 school year.

# What Bullying IS NOT Always:

- Teasing friends
- Arguments/altercations between peers
- Occasional name-calling
- Occasional fights

Addressed by the Code of Conduct

# What Bullying IS:

- Aggressive behavior which:
  - Is intentional
  - Deliberately harmful/hurtful
  - Repetitive
  - Involves intelligence, social status, popularity, sexuality, etc.
  - An action that creates a hostile environment at school for the student



# According to this law...

- Bullying can be:
  - Written
  - Verbal
  - Physical
  - Electronic (Facebook, texts, Twitter, etc.)
  - A gesture

 iPhone





# Four Types of Bullying:

- The “In Your Face” Physical Type
- The Name-Calling Verbal Type
- The Rumor-Spreading Type
- The Cyber-Bullying Type

# What You Need to Know:

Under this law, the bullying could have occurred:

- At school
- On the bus
- During practice, a game
- Off school grounds
- Online or in person

# Our School's Procedure:

- If you witness or are victim to a bully you must:
  - REPORT IT. All acts of harassment, intimidation or bullying must be reported verbally to the school principal on the same day it has occurred (or next school day if happens after school).



# “Okay I reported it, what now?”

- After you report a bully:
  - The principal will inform parents of all students involved within two days.
  - The principal, along with the school anti-bullying specialist, will initiate an investigation.
  - Dr. Manno will be notified and receive the report.
  - Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
  - Parents may request a hearing with the Board of Education.
  - Charges MAY be pressed.

# Do your part...

1 IN 10 OF **US** ARE BULLIED **EVERY DAY**



ARE YOU A PART OF THE **PROBLEM**  
OR THE **SOLUTION?**