



# FONTANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Legal Notice for Pupils and Parents/Guardians

## Bullying and Harassment



The Fontana Unified School District prohibits discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying based on the actual or perceived characteristics of a person's disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. This policy applies to all acts related to school activity or school attendance occurring within a District school.

Bullying is defined as any **severe or pervasive** physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a pupil or group of pupils directed toward one or more pupils that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of causing a reasonable pupil to experience a substantially detrimental effect on the pupil's physical or mental health, academic performance, or ability to participate in school activities.



### REPORT IT

Any person that has been a victim of, or witnessed bullying or harassment on school grounds, during school activities, or going to and coming from school is highly encouraged to report the incident immediately to an administrator, teacher, or other adult personnel on campus. Students have an option of reporting the incident anonymously through the Bullying/Harassment Complaint form located at the school.

### INVESTIGATION

The principal or designee shall promptly investigate all complaints of bullying or sexual harassment. The student who filed the complaint shall have an opportunity to describe the incident, present witnesses and other evidence of the bullying or harassment, and put his/her complaint in writing. The school administration shall investigate the accusation and shall determine appropriate action.



### TRANSFER REQUEST

A child that has been reported as the victim of a violent offense or bullying as defined by state law is entitled to transfer to another school within or outside the District, under California Education Code 46600 (b). Placement at a requested school is contingent upon space availability. Transfer requests can be obtained at any school site or the Office of Child Welfare and Attendance located at 9680 Citrus Avenue, Building #12, Fontana, CA 92335.