

BLANCHESTER LOCAL SCHOOLS

PARENT

INFORMATIONAL

MEETING

Topics

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 - d) Athletic Policy
6. Parent concerns
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8. Parent Resources

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Director of Safe Schools, CA
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- Dan Okweus,
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- Dave Grossman,
Stop Teaching our Kids to Kill:
A call to action against TV, movie and video game violence.

Learning Modes

1. Visual (Seeing)
2. Auditory (Hearing)
3. Kinesthetic (Doing)

*Be careful little eyes what you see...be careful
little ears what you hear...*

(2 of the 3 learning modes)

Social Learning Theory

Behaviors of people are learned through a variety of social interactions.

- Parents
- Peers
- Role models
- Media
 - Television, Music , Video, Print

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History of Social Network

- Email 1993
- Myspace 2003
- Facebook 2004
- You tube 2005
- Twitter 2006
- Tumblr 2006*
- Kik 2008*
- Instagram 2010*
- Ask.FM 2010*
- Snapchat 2011*
- Whisper 2012* (Year BOE adopted HIB Policy)

* Current Trends among kids!

Hours in a child's day....

- 7 hours of sleep (7 hrs.)
 - 8.5 hours required for healthy brain development in children
- 6.5 hours of instructional time (13.5 hrs.)
- 7.4 hours on media devices* (20.9 hrs.)
- 3.1 hours after school... (24 hrs.)
 - Extracurricular
 - Hanging out with friends
 - Hobbies
 - Chores
 - Family time
 - Homework

*Kaiser Family Study 2010

Media Influence

Kaiser Family Study 2010 (2005)

- By age 18 children witness 200,000 acts of violence and 40,000 acts of murder.
- 83% (65%) of homes have video games
 - 8th Grade boys spend 23 hours per week
 - 8th Grade girls spend 12 hours per week

Note: study showed girls increasing at a faster rate than the boys.

Media Influence

Kaiser Family Study 2010 (2005)

- 71% (61%) of youth ages 8-17 have a TV in their bedroom.
- 4th Graders: 59% girls and 73% boys favorite video games are violent.
- Children spend 7.4 hours (6.5) each day w/ some type of media device.

Note: study did not include homework on computers or texting

Media and Bullying

(Contributing Factors to aggressive behaviors)

Media:

Television Programing, Commercials, Movies, Sports, Music, Internet/Social media sites, Video games

Contributing Factors:

Many movies and video games promote...

Hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, factions, envy, selfish ambitions, dissensions, meanness, aggression, demeaning and the hurting of others.

Media and Bullying

(Contributing Factors to aggressive behaviors)

Many movies and video games fail to promote...

Love, joy, peace, goodness, kindness, patience, forgiveness, empathy, care, respect or even compassion for others.

Note: Against such there are no rules.

Bad Behavior vs. Bullying

- Bullying has become a catch phrase.
- Not all bad behavior and/or aggression can be called bullying.
- A state statute has been established listing the criteria for bad behavior to be called bullying.

Bullying Definition

BOE Policy JFCF-R (ORC 3313.666)

- A) *“Any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another student more than once and the behavior both:*
- Causes mental or physical harm*
 - Creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.”*

Bullying is...

1. A specific type of aggression by an individual or a group of people toward another person.
 - a. Verbal
 - b. Physical
 - c. Psychological/Relational
2. The behavior is intended to harm or disturb.
3. The behavior is carried out repeatedly and over time.
4. Imbalance of power
 - a. Physical or Psychological

Cyberbullying Definition

BOE Policy JFCF-R

5. *“Repetitive and hostile behavior with the intent to harm others through the use of information and communication technologies and other web-based/online sites (also known as cyberbullying)...”*

Cyberbullying is...

- New term

- first known use of the word was in 2000

Merriam Webster Dictionary

- Repetitively hurting someone's feelings or threatening them via technology.

- Texting mean statements.
- Posting up a website to harm someone.
- Passing rumors about others.
- Posting embarrassing pictures of others w/o their permission.
- Forwarding any of the above!

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Cyberbullying vs. Bullying

- Easy
- Invasive
- Larger audience
- Lengthens the duration of bullying
- Often has the potential of greater cruelty

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Who has Jurisdiction?

- Parents
- Law Enforcement
- Community
- School

Two policies answers this question for schools...

School's Jurisdiction

“Students are subject to discipline for misbehavior that occurs off school property when the misbehavior endangers the health and safety of students or adversely affects the education process.”

Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance) Policy JFC

School's Jurisdiction

A) *“Any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another student more than once and the behavior both:*

– *Causes mental or physical harm*

– *Creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student.”*

SCENARIO #1

Students get into a fight over the 4th of July weekend at a local fast food restaurant?

- Parents?
- Law Enforcement?
- Community?
- School?
 - Only if the behavior “adversely effects the educational process/environment.”

SCENARIO #2

Students spread rumors of another student on their home computers to a personal iPhone at 11:30 at night on Christmas Eve.

- Parents?
- Law Enforcement?
- Community?
- School?
 - Only if the behavior “adversely effects the educational process/environment.”

Student Conduct Policy (Zero Tolerance)

What it is?

STRIKE ONE!
YER OUT!



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Student Conduct Policy (Zero Tolerance)

It is...

Automatic punishment for infractions of student conduct, with the intention of eliminating the undesirable behavior.

Student Conduct Policy (Zero Tolerance)

*“A student who fails to comply...is
subject to approved student discipline
regulations.”*

Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance) Policy JFC

Student Conduct Policy (Zero Tolerance)

Approved student discipline...

“...range from prevention to intervention to address the student(s) misbehavior...”

Student Conduct (Zero Tolerance) Policy JFC

Hazing and Bullying Policy

1. Parallels ORC 3313.666
2. Adopted in October 15, 2012
3. Consists of
 1. Complaints
 2. Administrator's Responsibilities
 3. Disciplinary Interventions

Hazing and Bullying Policy

Complaints

1. Formal (written)
 2. Informal (verbal)
 3. Anonymous
 4. False
- Reported to any school employee
 - Reasonably specific including...
 - Behavior, names, number of times, places, target, witnesses.
 - Forwarded to building principal

Hazing and Bullying Policy

Administrator Responsibilities

1. Review

- facts to verify any prohibited acts
- takes time... weeks maybe even months

2. Action

- Administer disciplinary interventions
- Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - Schools can not provide information of action taken.

3. Complete written reports to...

- Perpetrator(s) and victim's legal guardian

Hazing and Bullying Policy

Disciplinary Interventions

- Non-disciplinary...
 - Counseling and/or peer mediation
- Disciplinary...
 - “Full Range” – Detention, in/out of school suspension, expulsion, file report with law enforcement and/or Child Protective Services

Parent Concerns

1. Buses

2. Buildings

3. School employees

- Parents have a responsibility to report any adult on child bullying to children services and then the school.

4. Strengthen policies

- a. Hazing and Bullying
- b. Athletic Code of Conduct

Athletic Code of Conduct Policy

“Conduct which is deemed embarrassing to the athletic program or to the Blanchester School District shall be considered grounds for denial of participation from the team or the athletic program.”

Quick Review

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6. FERPA
7. Parents have a responsibility to report adult on child bullying

Parent Tips

- If a threat of violence has been made contact law enforcement first then the school.
- A filed complaint doesn't automatically mean the person is guilty.
- Allow the process to work itself out prior to making any judgements.
- Work with the building principals... they are closest to the process.

Parent Tips

- Monitor your child's interaction and the influence social media has on them. *Be careful little eyes what you see... be careful little ears what you hear...*
(2 of the 3 learning modes)
- **There are two sides to every story.**
- **If you wouldn't say it to the person face to face, then don't say it on line.**
- **Let's work together... we both have the same interest in mind.**

PARENT RESOURCES

1. Wayne Sakamoto, parents.sprigeo.com
 - Video and courses for Parents
2. stopbullying.gov
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