This document provides general information and is not to be a substitute for legal advice. Changes in the law, including timelines for filing a complaint, may affect your rights.

<u>Legal References:</u> <u>34 C.F.R. Section 104.7(b) (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act)</u> <u>34 C.F.R. Section 106.8(b) (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972)</u>

<u>Resources:</u> U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, Region V 500 W. Madison Street – Suite 1475 Chicago, IL 60661 Tel: 312-730-1560 TDD: 312-730-1609

Reading Room, U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/publications.html

> St. Anthony-New Brighton Schools Bullying Reporting Form

## DEFINITION OF BULLYING:

Bullying means behavior by an individual student or group of students that is:

1) intimidating, threatening, abusive or harmful;

2) involves an actual or perceived imbalance of power in which the student being bullied has difficulty defending him or herself; and

3) the conduct is repeated or forms a pattern.

Bullying is also behavior that materially and substantially interferes with a student's educational opportunities, or performance or ability to participate in school functions or activities or receive school benefits, services, or privileges.

## HOW TO REPORT BULLYING:

Use this form to report bullying that occurred on school property; at a school-sponsored activity or event off school property; on a school bus; on the way to and/or from school; on social media or through text message, during the current school year. You can also make a verbal report to a staff person in your building or program. However, providing a written report will help staff to understand and follow up on this report.

CONFIDENTIALITY:

You do not have to include your name on this form. However, a staff person may want to ask more questions about this, so including your name will help them follow up on this report. If you do include your name, an effort will be made to keep your name confidential. However, depending on the situation, some information may need to be shared with others as part of the investigation of this report. Also, please note that discipline decisions cannot be made solely on anonymous reports.

About You: Name (optional):

\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

I am (choose one): Student Bystander [	Parent/Guardian Staff Member Other:	
Phone number (optional):	Email address (optional):	_
Tell Us What Happened:		
Student who was harmed:	Grade:	
Student(s) who did harm:		
What happened:		
		When did it
happen:		
Where did it happen:	Has this happened before? Yes No	
If yes, how often?		
What kind of bullying happened? (check a	ll that apply)	
Physical Acts such as hitting, spitting, k	icking, or damaging your or another student's poss	sessions
Emotional: Spreading mean rumors or l	ies about you or another student	
Uverbal: Saying mean or hurtful things of	r threatening you or another student	
Cyber/Online: Occurs on website or soc	ial media, by cell phone, email or text message So	cial Excluding you or another
student from a group, telling other kids no	t to talk to you or another student	
Other: (Please describe)		_
Did you see the event happen? Yes No		
If no, who made this report to you?		
Did anyone else see what happened? Yes I	No Who?	_ Was an adult nearby? Yes No
Who?		
	d correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
Reporter Signature (optional):		
Report Received by:		
Date:		

## 103 COMPLAINTS - STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENTS, OTHER PERSONS

I. PURPOSE The school district takes seriously all concerns or complaints by students, employees, parents or other persons. If a specific complaint procedure is provided within any other policy of the school district, the specific procedure shall be followed in reference to such a complaint. If a specific complaint procedure is not provided, the purpose of this policy is to provide a procedure that may be used.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY A. Students, parents, employees or other persons, may report concerns or complaints to the school district. While written reports are encouraged, a complaint may be made orally. Any employee receiving a complaint shall advise the principal or immediate supervisor of the receipt of the complaint. The supervisor shall make an initial determination as to the seriousness of the complaint and whether the matter should be referred to the superintendent. A person may file a complaint at any level of the school district; i.e., principal, superintendent or school board. However, persons are encouraged to file a complaint at the building level when appropriate. B. Depending upon the nature and seriousness of the complaint, the supervisor or other administrator receiving the complaint shall determine the nature and scope of the investigation or followup procedures. If the complaint involves serious allegations, the matter shall promptly be referred to the superintendent who shall determine whether an internal or external investigation should be conducted. In either case, the superintendent shall determine the nature and scope of the investigation and designate the person responsible for the investigation or followup relating to the complaint. The designated investigator shall ascertain details concerning the complaint and respond promptly to the appropriate administrator concerning the status or outcome of the matter. C. The appropriate administrator shall respond in writing to the complaining party concerning the outcome of the investigation or followup, including any 103-2 appropriate action or corrective measure that was taken. The superintendent shall be copied on the correspondence and consulted in advance of the written response when appropriate. The response to the complaining party shall be consistent with the rights of others pursuant to the applicable provisions of Minn. Stat. Ch. 13 (Minnesota Government Data Practices Act) or other law. D. Students, parents, employees or other persons, may report concerns or complaints regarding the Superintendent to the School Board Chair.