



State Educational Agency Model Anti-Bullying Policies and Other Resources July 2011



State anti-bullying statutes direct state educational agencies to, among other things: aggregate and report on information received from districts on incidents of bullying, provide training or materials to districts, review local policies, develop curriculum and standards for school safety specialist training, develop teacher preparation program standards on identification and prevention, develop model education and awareness programs, and/or provide technical assistance to districts. Some of these actions are in the form of administrative rule-making, to which local school boards will be subject. Of particular importance to local school boards is the requirement that the state agency issue a model policy that the local board must adopt in some form. The chart below provides information about state educational agencies' model anti-bullying policies.

State	Model Policy Required by State Anti-Bullying Statute?	Date, Citation or URL	Key Provisions Beyond Statute
AL	Yes. 13 components required by statute.	Memo to City and County Superintendents October 20, 2009: https://docs.alsde.edu/documents/70/model%20anti-harassment%20policy%20memo.pdf	Statutory definition (“harassment”) includes only conduct based on student or associate’s category, as listed in state’s model policy: race, sex, religion, national origin or disability.
AK	Not specified. State agency reviews local policies and may recommend changes.	Arkansas DOE web site: http://arkansased.org/	N/A
AZ	Not required.	Currently none. ADE bullying resource page: http://www.ade.az.gov/sa/health/resources.asp#bullyinPrevent	N/A
AR	Reviews LSB policies and may recommend changes.	Adopt policies. File policy with DOE. Student services program must include bullying prevention. Provide training on compliance with anti-bullying policies for all EE responsible for reporting or investigating bullying.	N/A



CA	Not specified. Statewide school safety cadre addresses bullying. Sup of PI and AG coordinate safe schools program.	California DOE sample policy: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ss/se/samplepolicy.asp	More general than statute. Statement of expectations.
CO	Not required. On or before 11/1/11, state agency makes evidence-based best practices available on website. On or before 4/1/12, state agency promulgates rules for school grant program.	Colorado DOE web site: http://www.cde.state.co.us/	N/A
CT	Not required. State agency develops model safe school climate plan within available appropriations.	No model policy. Policy of CT Technical High School System is proposed as interim model until state DOE can provide model for all grade levels. See 1/10 report: http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/school_improvement/bullying/report_on_the_bullying_legislation_1-28-10_.pdf	N/A
DE	Yes. State agency collaborates with DOJ, DSBA and others to prepare training materials. Collaborates with DOJ to develop model policy and post on web site.	http://www.doe.k12.de.us/infosuites/students_family/climate/files/Bully%20Prevention%20Policy%20Template.pdf	Detailed investigation and reporting requirements. Statement that the policy is not intended to prohibit expression of political/religious view unless substantially disruptive to educational environment.
DC	N/A	DC Municipal Regulations on student discipline: http://dcps.dc.gov/DCPS/Files/downloads/SCHOOLS/Youth%20Engagement/DCMR-Chapter-25-Title-5-Final-Rulemaking-2009.pdf DC Public Schools web site: http://dcps.dc.gov	N/A
FL	Yes. Must develop model policy and provide to school districts by 10/1/08. 14	http://www.fldoe.org/safeschools/bullying_prevention.asp	Detailed procedures under each required component. As per statute, location no defense in computer



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	components required by statute.		incident (but only school equip/network covered)
GA	Yes. Must develop model policy and post on web site by 1/1/11. Develops and posts on site list of anti-bullying training programs.	Georgia DOE model policy: http://www.gadoe.org/DMGetDocument.aspx/GaDOE%20Bullying%20Policy_March%202011.pdf?p=6CC6799F8C1371F6338207724BB249E51208407040E2466D3DD064480EFF86D5&Type Georgia DOE Bullying Prevention Toolkit: http://www.gadoe.org/sia_titleiv.aspx?PageReq=SIABully	Harassment and intimidation defined and included in prohibited behaviors – motivated by actual/perceived characteristic. Prohibited behaviors “must occur” at school or event but discipline “may be necessary” if off-campus disrupts school. Requires local school districts to provide professional development and training opportunities to school staff.
HI	NO STATUTE. Policy not required. DOE must report to BOE on DOE’s compliance with DOE rule or statute governing bullying, cyberbullying, and harassment.	Hawaii DOE Harassment/Bullying resource page: http://doe.k12.hi.us/harassment/index.htm	N/A
ID	Not specified.	Current Legal Issues in Student Safety Training Manual contains policy on Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/safe_drugfree/docs/Training-ManualCurrent-Legal-Issues-1013008.pdf	Student Safety Training Manual provides guidance in the form of Q&A plus model policies (brief). Policy on harassment, intimidation and bullying includes statutory definition plus physical, verbal and psychological abuse.
IL	No. State agency monitors implementation of LSD/private school policies. State Sup appoints task force; report due 3/1/11.	School Bullying Prevention Task Force page: http://www.isbe.net/SBPTF/default.htm	N/A
IN	No. State agency develops curriculum and standards for school safety specialist training.	Indiana Department of Education bullying page: http://www.doe.in.gov/sservices/bullying/	N/A



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IA	Not specified.	Iowa DOE and IASB developed a sample policy and interview and reporting forms: http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1030:antibullyingantiharassment&catid=460:learning-supports&Itemid=1293#SamplePolicy	Extends reach of policy explicitly to behavior off school grounds (and, implicitly, not part of school activity) if the misconduct directly affects the good order, efficient management and welfare of the school or school district. Lists example behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying. Extends prohibited conduct to retaliation and false reports.
KS	Not specified.	Kansas DOE sample school violence policies page: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3904	N/A
KY	Yes. With KEA and KSBA and others, state agency must develop statewide student discipline guidelines, and a model policy.	Policies provided by KSBA: http://www.education.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/A644E9E5-6E49-46F1-92F0-703F97091434/0/HB91ModelPolicyFinal.pdf	No.
LA	Not specified.	No state model policy. DOE is required to develop “behavior incidence checklist” for schools to document details of reported incidents. It is available from DOE, but not on website. http://www.doe.state.la.us	N/A
ME	Yes. Commissioner must direct Subcommittee to develop model policies.	Maine’s Best Practices in Bullying and Harassment Prevention (includes MSMA sample policy): http://www.maine.gov/education/bullyingprevention/guide.pdf	Policy goes far beyond statute, which simply requires policy development. Applicability of model policy extends off-campus if the bullying substantially disrupts the operations of the school or welfare of students.
MD	Yes. State agency must develop model policy with specified components by 3/3/09, after input from local school systems. State agency must create a standard victim form.	Maryland DOE model policy: http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/nr/rdonlyres/0700b064-c2b3-41fc-a6cf-d3dae4969707/19401/modelbullyingpolicydraft102108.pdf Maryland DOE Bullying Prevention Page with reporting form: http://www.msde.maryland.gov/MSDE/divisions/studentschoolsvcs/student_services_alt/bullying/?WBCMODE=Pre%25%3E%25%2	Includes details of prevention efforts – annual professional development, school anti-bullying programs, data collection, etc.



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MA	Yes. State agency must consult with community groups, then publish a model plan for schools and districts to consider when developing their own.	Massachusetts DOE Model Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan: http://www.doe.mass.edu/bullying/	Model plan is based on statutory language.
MI	NO STATUTE. State agency encourages schools to have anti-bullying plan and program.	Michigan DOE policy statement and Model Anti-Bullying Policy http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-5373_5382---,00.html	N/A
MN	Not specified.	Minnesota DOE web site: http://education.state.mn.us/mde/index.html	N/A
MS	Not specified.	Mississippi DOE web site: http://www.mde.k12.ms.us/	N/A
MO	Not specified.	Missouri DESE Anti-Bullying Laws web page: http://dese.mo.gov/schoollaw/freqaskques/anti-bullying.html	N/A
MT	NO STATUTE. Montana BOE requires school districts to have policies addressing bullying.	Montana BOE approved MTSBA model policies: http://bpe.mt.gov/default.mcp www.mtsba.org	N/A
NE	Not specified.	Nebraska DOE web page on anti-bullying policy development: http://www.education.ne.gov/safety/Bullying_Prevention/Bullying_Prevention_Policy_Dev.html	N/A
NV	Yes. State agency must prescribe by regulation a policy for all school districts and public schools, with required components.	Nevada DOE web site: http://www.doe.nv.gov/	Policy not available online.
NH	Not required. State agency “may” develop model policy.	New Hampshire DOE Bullying Resources web page, including technical advisory on bullying statute: http://www.education.nh.gov/instruction/integrated/title_iv_cyber_bully.htm	N/A



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NJ	Yes. State agency must develop model policy for grades K-12 by 12/1/02.	New Jersey DOE Revised Model Policy and Guidance for Districts: http://www.state.nj.us/education/parents/bully.htm	Summary guide only; local boards are to adopt final policy language after consultation with parents and community.
NM	State agency must establish guidelines for bullying prevention policies.	No guidelines posted online re: prevention policies. New Mexico PED School District Anti-Bullying Policy Guidance Document: http://www.ped.state.nm.us/sfsb/tools/dl10/Anti%20Bullying%20Policy%20Guidance%20Document.pdf	N/A
NY	No. State agency must provide direction, promulgate regulations.	New York SED Guidance on Bullying and Cyberbullying Prevention http://www.p12.nysed.gov/technology/internet_safety/document/cyberbullying.html (guidance)	N/A
NC	Not specified.	North Carolina SBE Policy for Anti-Harassment, Bullying and Discrimination HRS-A-007: http://sbepolicy.dpi.state.nc.us/	N/A
ND	Not specified.	North Dakota DPI web site: http://www.dpi.state.nd.us	N/A
OH	State agency must establish a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying. The policy must be developed with parents, school employees, students and other interested groups, and must include procedures, reporting requirements, and parent notice provision.	Ohio DOE Anti-Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Model Policy: http://education.ohio.gov/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=435&ContentID=29246&Content=106473	Model policy provides much broader definition of covered conduct, including cyberbullying (“electronically transmitted acts”), and a long list of examples of covered conduct, including disparaging a student based on a characteristic (non-exhaustive list provided).
OK	No. State agency distributes list of programs to schools and promulgates rules for monitoring districts for compliance.	Oklahoma SDE Safe Schools Page with Prevention Education Resource Guide and Safe Schools Guides: http://www.sde.state.ok.us/Schools/SafeHealthy/	N/A



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OR	Not specified.	Oregon DOE Bullying: Policy, Laws and Resources page: http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1948	N/A
PA	Not specified.	Pennsylvania DOE resource documents include PSBA model Bullying/Cyberbullying policy: http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_890097_0_0_18/Bullying%20Cyberbullying.pdf	N/A
RI	Yes. State agency must develop model policy by 12/1/03.	Rhode Island DESE Guide to Preventing Bullying Teen Dating Violence and Sexual Violence (including model bullying policy): http://www.ride.ri.gov/commissioner/edpolicy/documents/20080401_guidebullyingtdv_v1_kr.pdf	Model policy includes extensive definitions and protocols for working with perpetrator and victim.
SC	Yes. State agency must develop model policies for K-12 by 9/1/06.	South Carolina DOE model policy: http://ed.sc.gov/agency/Innovation-and-Support/Youth-Services/Safe-And-Drugfree-Schools/Model-Bullying-Policy.pdf	
SD	NO STATUTE.	South Dakota DOE website: http://doe.sd.gov/	N/A
TN	Not specified.	Tennessee DOE Bullying web page: http://www.tn.gov/education/safe_schls/safety_cntr/bullying.shtml	N/A
TX	No. State School Safety Center must develop a program for instruction on internet safety, including prevention, detection and reporting of bullying and threats.	Texas Education Agency's Safe and Drug-Free Schools page: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=2822&menu_id=798#bullying Texas School Safety Center Internet Safety page: http://www.txssc.txstate.edu/K12/internet-safety	N/A
UT	Yes. State agency must develop model policy and post on web site by 9/1/08.	Utah SOE Model Policy on Bullying and Hazing: http://www.schools.utah.gov/law/DOCS/PAPERS/Model-Policy.aspx	Model policy lists specific reporting requirements.
VT	Yes. State agency must develop and update model policy.	Vermont DOE Model Bullying Prevention Plan: http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/pgm_safeschools/pubs/bullying_prevention_04.pdf Vermont DOE Model Hazing Prevention Policy: http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/resources/model_hazi	Model plan provides possible approaches to prevention and intervention. Model hazing and harassment policies delineate procedures.



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		ng.pdf Vermont DOE Policy on Prevention of Harassment of Students http://education.vermont.gov/new/pdfdoc/resources/educ_model_harassment.pdf	
VA	Yes, state agency must establish guidelines and develop model policies for codes of student conduct, including standards for local school board policies on bullying.	Virginia BOE Student Conduct Policy Guidelines: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/guidance/safety/student_conduct.pdf Virginia DOE Information Brief on cyberbullying: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/technology/info_briefs/cyberbullying.pdf	Guidelines provide detailed definition with examples and sample policy language.
WA	Yes. State agency, in consultation with WSSDA and other groups, must provide legislature with model policy and procedures and post on web site.	Washington OSPI model policy and procedures prohibiting harassment, intimidation and bullying (developed in consultation with WSSDA): http://www.k12.wa.us/Communications/PressReleases2010/BullyingPolicy.aspx	Model policy and procedures provide examples of covered conduct and detailed procedures.
WV	Yes. State agency must develop model policy for K-12 by 9/1/01.	West Virginia DOE web site: http://wvde.state.wv.us/	N/A
WI	Yes. State agency must develop model policy and post on web site by 3/1/10. State agency must develop model education and awareness program.	Wisconsin DPI Model Bullying Policy http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/doc/modelbullyingpolicy.doc Wisconsin DPI Bullying Prevention Guidelines: http://dpi.state.wi.us/sspw/pdf/bullyingguide.pdf Wisconsin DPI Bullying Prevention Program http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/pdf/bullyingprogram.pdf	Model policy provides definition; procedures not included in brief statute.
WY	Yes. State agency must develop model policies for K-12 by 9/1/09.	Wyoming DOE website: http://edu.wyoming.gov	N/A (checklist no longer available on web site)



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