## SHARON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

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## **Bullying**

It is the policy of this district to maintain a learning and working environment that is free from bullying based on a person's race, color, weight, gender, national origin, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, and economic status. The School District prohibits any and all forms of bullying because it violates the basic right of students and staff to be in a safe, orderly learning environment. This policy seeks to promote positive interpersonal relationships between all members of the school community.

It shall be a violation of this policy for any student or staff member to bully another while attending school or school sponsored events. It shall also be a violation of this policy for any school staff member to tolerate bullying during school or at school sponsored events.

For the purposes of this policy, "school staff" includes board members, school employees, agents, volunteers, contractors, or other personnel subject to the supervision and control of the District.

The District will promptly and thoroughly investigate reports of bullying, whether of a physical or of a nonphysical form. If it determines that bullying has occurred, it will act appropriately within the discipline codes of the District and will take reasonable action to end the bullying.