

13-32-15. Bullying defined. Bullying is a pattern of repeated conduct that causes physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students that may include threats, intimidation, stalking as defined in chapter 22-19A, physical violence, theft, destruction of property, any threatening use of data or computer software, written or verbal communication, or conduct directed against a student that:

- (1) Places a student in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property; and either
- (2) Substantially interferes with a student's educational performance; or
- (3) Substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a school.

For the purposes of §§ 13-32-14 to 13-32-19, inclusive, bullying also includes retaliation against a student for asserting or alleging an act of bullying.

**Source:** SL 2012, ch 96, § 2.

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