DASA: DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT JULY 2012

## BULLYING IS : purposeful actions or statements targeting an individual or group with the intention of doing emotional or physical harm. FCS ABC Group 2012

It is DEMEANING INTENTIONAL Involves an IMBALANCE OF POWER Can be REPEATED over time

## BULLYING IS NOT:

conflict, argument, "fighting among friends or acquaintances, not getting along, physical altercation over a desired object, activity or place in line, teasing UNLESS the above characteristics are present.

BULLYING BECOMES DISCRIMINATION OR HARASSMENT: when involving a student's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. To report suspected bullying or harassment:

- www.fillmorecsd.org DASA short cut to parent/ student report forms. Report is submitted electronically
- Contact DAC at school
- Contact student's teacher
- Contact student's
  principal

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT, VISIT: www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact

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## DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA) INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE



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No student shall be subjected to harassment by employees or students; nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on their actual or perceived: Race Color Weight National origin Ethnic group Religious practice Disability Sexual orientation Gender Sex

Other characteristic

Fillmore Central School has taken the following actions to implement DASA:

- Amended the Code of Conduct to prohibit discrimination, harassment, and bullying
- Designated a Dignity Act Coordinator to oversee implementation of DASA and who is trained to handle human relations issues
- Required students be instructed on civility, citizenship and character education by expanding concepts of tolerance, respect for others and dignity
- Required school employee training To raise awareness and sensitivity to potential discrimination, harassment or bullying

To enable prevention and response to discrimination , harassment or bullying

To promote a supportive school environment that emphasizes positive relationships

• Provided for the report of material incidents of harassment, discrimination and/or bullying annually to the New York State Education Department Fillmore Central School is committed to creating a safe, welcoming, considerate, and caring environment. When known, FCS employees will take prompt action to address incidents of discrimination, harassment, and bullying.



Web resources:

www.stopbullying.gov www.bullyingprevention.org www.ncpc.org www.pacer.org/bully*ing* www.pacerkidsagainstbullying.org www.pacerteensagainstbullying.org www.safeschools.info/bullyingprevention