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## **Official Statement on Bullying**

The Kansas State Board of Education believes in providing physically safe and emotionally secure environments for all Kansas students and school staff. The State Board recognizes bullying as a serious issue that creates a negative school environment and inhibits students' ability to learn. For this reason, the State Board supports current state statute requiring each local board of education to adopt and implement a plan to address bullying, including a provision for the training and education of school staff members and students. Each plan should include a method to report incidents of bullying. The State Board encourages Kansas schools to include in their plan a framework for appropriate responses to bullying activities that reinforces and encourages positive conduct and ensures the safety of all students.

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