

## **Report of Suspected Bullying**

Valley Regional High School takes all potential bullying situations very seriously. We are required by law to enable parents or guardians of students the ability to file written reports of suspected bullying.

Bullying means:

The repeated **written, oral, and electronic** communications

- by one or more students directed at or referring to another student
- and **physical acts and gestures** by one or more students that are repeatedly directed against another student and that:
  - cause the student **physical or emotional harm or damage his or her property**,
  - put the student in **reasonable fear** of harm or property damage,
  - create a **hostile school environment** for the student,
  - infringe on the **student's rights** at school, or
  - substantially **disrupt the education process** or a school's orderly operation.

Bullying also includes:

Targeting a student's **actual or perceived** possession of, or association with others possessing or perceived as possessing, any differentiating characteristic based on **race; color; religion; ancestry; national origin; gender; sexual orientation; gender identity or expression; socioeconomic or academic status; physical appearance; or mental, physical, developmental, or sensory disability.**

The definition of bullying has been expanded to include:

**"Cyberbullying,"** which it defines as acts of bullying carried out through mobile electronic devices or electronic communications, the Internet, interactive and digital technologies, or cell phones.

If you suspect that bullying has taken or is taking place according to the aforementioned definition, please complete the *Report of Suspected Bullying* form. Once filled out, please print the form and deliver to VRHS administration as soon as possible.

*Our mission is to provide a quality education through shared responsibility in a safe supportive environment for all students to meet the challenges of a global society.*