**RULE 5 - ABUSE, THREATS, INTIMIDATION, ASSAULT OR BATTERY BY A STUDENT ON ANOTHER STUDENT OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON NOT EMPLOYED BY THE SCHOOL**

SECTION A Regardless of intent, a student shall not:

Make oral or written communication, create a document, or make a symbolic gesture or contact of a threatening, distracting, or provoking nature to or about a person/student or in the presence of a person/student. This includes, but is not limited to, bullying, disrespectful conduct, insult, use of profanity; ethnic, racial, sexual, disability, or religious slur; or harassment and includes the development of a "hit list", "people to kill", "people to shoot", or a statement about bringing a weapon to school and injuring people.

The prohibited behaviors below include, but are not limited to, the following:

5AA. Oral threat/Intimidation (fear of bodily harm)/verbal assault;
5AB. Written threat;
5AC. Rude and/or disrespectful conduct including but not limited to symbolic gestures and insults;
5AD. Bullying; (See note on bullying and state law below.)
5AF. Use of profanity;
5AG. Ethnic, racial, sexual, religious or disability slur;
\*5AL. Harassment - Repeated words (verbal or written), conduct, or action that annoys, alarms, or causes distress and serves no legitimate purpose;
5AO. Posturing to fight;
\*5AR. Terroristic threats (threatening to commit any crime of violence or to burn or damage property with the purpose of terrorizing another or of causing the evacuation of a building);
5AZ. Other: (list) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

State law defines "bullying" as: 1) any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person, when accompanied by an apparent present ability to do so; 2) any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily injury or harm; or 3) any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate that: a) causes substantial physical harm or visible harm; b) substantially interferes with a student's education; c) is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating/threatening educational environment; or d) substantially disrupts the orderly operation of the school. Upon finding that a student in grades 6 - 12 has committed the offense of bullying for the third time in a school year, such student shall be assigned to an alternative school. (O.C.G.A. 20-2-751.4) Retaliation for reports of bullying will not be tolerated and will be subject to independent disciplinary action. The prohibition against bullying includes off-campus cyberbullying that is (1) directed specifically at students or school personnel; (2) is maliciously intended for the purpose of threatening the safety of those specified or substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school; and (3) creates a reasonable fear of harm to students' or school personnel's person or property or has a high likelihood of succeeding in that purpose.

SECTION B A student shall not:

Cause or attempt to cause physical injury or behave in such a way as could reasonably cause bodily injury to any student/person. A student shall not engage in any behavior that threatens the safety or well-being of another person or has the likelihood of provoking a fight.

The prohibited behaviors include, but are not limited to, the following:

5BA. Pushing and shoving;
5BB. Fighting;
\*5BC. Battery (when one individual physically attacks or beats up on another individual);
5BD. Behavior that could cause physical injury;
5BE. Behavior that caused physical injury to another student;
5BF. Physical contact of a threatening or provoking nature to another student;
\*5BG. Aggravated battery (maliciously causing bodily harm to another by depriving him or her of a member of his or her body, or by rendering a member of his or her body useless, or by seriously disfiguring his or her body or a member thereof);
\*5BH. Homicide/murder;
\*5BI. Kidnapping (seizure, transportation, and/or detention of a person against his/her will);
\*5BK. Hazing;
\*5BM. Voluntary manslaughter;
5BZ. Other: (list) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_