

Tennessee Definitions

Title 49 Education
Chapter 6 elementary and Secondary Education
Part 10 Curriculum Generally

Tenn. Code Ann. 49-6-1014 (2012)

(a) As used in 49-6-1014, this section and 49-6-1016 – 49-6-1019:

1. **“Cyber-bullying”** means bullying undertaken through the use of electronic devices:
2. **“Electronic devices”** include, but are not limited to, telephones, cellular phones or other wireless telecommunication devices, personal digital assistants (PDAs), computers, electronic mail, instant messaging, text messaging, and web sites;
3. **“Harassment, intimidation or bullying”** means any act that substantially interferes with a student’s educational benefits, opportunities or performance; and:
 - a. If the act takes place on school grounds, at any school-sponsored activity, on school-provided equipment or transportation or at any official school bus stop, the act has the effect of:
 - (i) Physically harming a student or damaging a student’s property;
 - (ii) Knowingly placing a student or students in reasonable fear of physical harm to the student or damage to the student’s property;
 - (iii) Causing emotional distress to a student or students; or
 - (iv) Creating a hostile educational environment; or
 - b. If the act takes place off school property or outside of a school-sponsored activity, it is directed specifically at a student or students and has the effect of creating a hostile educational environment or otherwise creating a substantial disruption to the education environment or learning process.