

# The Dignity for All Students Act

- All public elementary and secondary school students are protected.
- DASA prohibits the harassment and discrimination of students by students and by school personnel. **Effective July 01, 2013 the inclusion of bullying and cyberbullying was added to DASA as a prohibited activity. Cyberbullying is bullying through the use of an electronic device.**
- Each school's Code of Conduct must be amended to reflect the prohibition of harassment, bullying, **cyberbullying** or discrimination and of students by students or staff in age-appropriate language.
- Districts must appoint at least one staff member in each school to handle all bullying incidents on school property (including athletic fields, playgrounds, and parking lots), in school buildings, on a school bus/vehicle, as well as at school-sponsored events or activities).
- Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Compass DASA Coordinator is Mr. Yakawiak. His office is located in Room 115 in the Compass Office. He can be reached by phone at (315) 255-7630 or by email at [dyakawiak@cayboces.org](mailto:dyakawiak@cayboces.org)
- Complaints of harassment, bullying, **cyberbullying** or discriminations may be directed to any school employee.
- School employees who witness or receive reports of harassment, bullying, **cyberbullying** or discrimination are required to promptly notify the DASA Coordinator not later than one school day after and file a written report not later than two school days after making the oral report.
- All complaints of harassment, bullying, **cyberbullying** or discrimination will be thoroughly and promptly investigated by a Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Administrator.
- When an investigation reveals verified harassment, bullying, **cyberbullying** or discrimination, prompt actions will be taken to end the harassment, bullying or discrimination. Actions will also be taken to eliminate any hostile environment, create a more positive school culture, prevent any recurrence of the behavior and ensure the safety of the student(s) against whom the harassment was directed.
- The DASA Coordinator is required to report all incidents of bullying, **cyberbullying** or bias-based harassment to both the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES District Superintendent and the NYS Department of Education.

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