
Tuckahoe Middle-High School

Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)



2025 - 2026 School Year

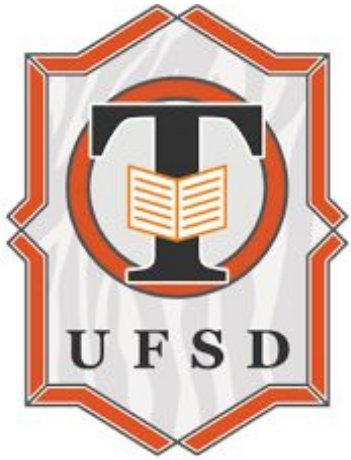
Preparing Every Student for Excellence



Purpose of DASA

The purpose of New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) is to provide a school environment free of discrimination and harassment for all students.

The Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010.



Goal of DASA

The goal of DASA is to create a safe and supportive school climate where students can learn and focus, rather than fear of being discriminated against and/or verbally and/or physically harassed.



Tuckahoe UFSD Policy

According to Tuckahoe UFSD Board Policy 0115, The Board condemns and strictly prohibits all forms of discrimination, such as harassment, hazing, intimidation and bullying on school grounds, school buses, and at all school-sponsored activities, programs, and events.



Protected Classes

No student shall be subjected to harassment or discrimination by employees or students on school property or at school functions based on their actual or perceived:

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| Race | Ethnicity | National Origin | Color |
| Weight | Disability | Gender | Sex |
| Sexual Orientation | Religion/Religious Practice | | |
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Resources

New York State Education Department DASA Website
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/>

Tuckahoe Union Free School District
Board of Education Policy #0115



What is Bullying?

New York State's Definition of Bullying

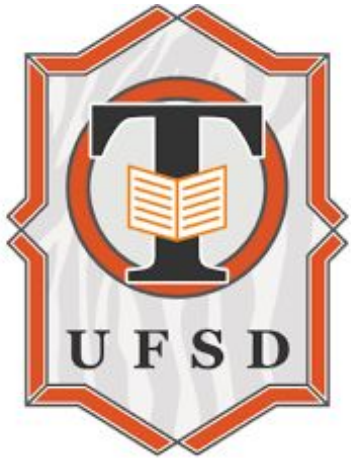
A form of unwanted, **aggressive behavior** that involves **real or perceived imbalance of power** and that **is repeated**, or has the **potential to be repeated**.

Source: <https://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/ssae/schoolsafety/vadir/glossary201718.html>



Characteristics of Bullying

- **Imbalance of Power**: an imbalance of power involves the use of physical strength, popularity, or access to embarrassing information to hurt or control another person.
 - **Repetition**: occurring more than once or having the potential to occur more than once.
 - **Intent to Harm**: the person bullying has the goal to cause harm. Bullying is not accidental.
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Harassment

Harassment is defined as the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or verbal threats, intimidation, or abuse that has or would have the following effect:

- Interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, benefits, or mental, emotional or physical well-being
 - Instilling fear of physical safety
 - Causing physical injury or emotional harm to a student
 - Disrupting the school environment
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Discrimination

The act of denying equitable treatment to an individual or group based on their identified or perceived:

- Race
 - Color
 - Weight
 - Hair Types
 - National Origin
 - Status
 - Religion
 - Religious Practice
 - Disability
 - Sexual Orientation
 - Gender Identity
 - Sex
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What to do?

Students who have been subjected to harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination, or others who observe such harassment are encouraged to make verbal or written reports to:

- School administration
 - the DASA coordinator
 - Support staff
 - other school personnel
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DASA Complaint Form

A student or parent/guardian of a student who is being bullied or harassed should file a written complaint form containing as much information as possible detailing the circumstances of the bullying or harassment incident.

<https://echalk-slate-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/private/schools/1000/resources/6921b033-ad1b-460b-8d41-96f54f69435b?AWSAccessKeyId=AKIAJSZKIBPXGFLSZTYQ&Expires=1812365626&response-cache-control=private%2C%20max-age%3D31536000&response-content-disposition=%3Bfilename%3D%22DASA-Form.pdf%22&response-content-type=application%2Fpdf&Signature=WalpaxQ7WqciZNrOj%2F%2FT3NtoThk%3D>

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Helpful Tips

- Take responsibility for your actions.
 - Look out for each other and help classmates in need.
 - Promote respect for yourself and others through words and actions.
 - Make a positive difference.
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