

HARASSMENT AND BULLYING PREVENTION ORDER

Authority: *Independent School Act*, section 4 (1) (c)

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Order of the Inspector of Independent Schools

1 Each authority must ensure that each independent school operated by that authority establishes and implements a harassment and bullying prevention policy.

2 The following elements must be included in the policy:

- (a) a statement of purpose that provides a rationale for the policy, with a focus on safe, caring and orderly school environments;
- (b) a reference to the protection of students' physical safety, social connectedness, inclusiveness and protection from all forms of bullying, regardless of their gender, race, culture, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity;
- (c) one or more statements about what is
 - (i) acceptable behaviour, and
 - (ii) unacceptable behaviour, including bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, intimidation, threatening or violent behaviourswhile at school, at a school-related activity or in other circumstances where engaging in the activity will have an impact on the school environment;
- (d) one or more statements about the consequences of unacceptable behaviour, which must take account of the student's age, maturity and special needs, if any;
- (e) a commitment that the authority will take all reasonable steps to prevent retaliation by a person against a student who has made a complaint of a breach of the policy.

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