**KGC Bullying by Parents**

(See EBC, GAAE, JDDC, KGD)

The board of education, in its commitment to provide a positive and productive learning and working environment for its students and staff in accordance with state law, prohibits bullying in any form by any student, staff member, or parent towards a student or a staff member on or while using school property, in a school vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or event.

Bullying means: Any intentional gesture or any intentional written, verbal, electronic, or physical act or threat either by any student, staff member, or parent towards a student or by any student, staff member or parent towards a staff member that is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment that a reasonable person, under the circumstances, knows or should know will have the effect of:

* Harming a student or staff member, whether physically or mentally;
* Damaging a student’s or staff member’s property:
* Placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of harm; or
* Placing a student or staff member in reasonable fear of damage to the student’s or staff member’s property.

Bullying also includes cyberbullying. "Cyberbullying" means bullying by use of any electronic communication device through means including, but not limited to, e-mail, instant messaging, text messages, blogs, mobile phones, pagers, online games, and websites.

Additionally, bullying means any form of intimidation or harassment prohibited by the board of education of the school district in policies concerning bullying adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6147 or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-1138, and amendments thereto. USD 434 will not tolerate these actions by students, staff, or parents.

The administration shall propose, and the board shall review and approve a plan to address bullying as prohibited herein.

Parents participating in prohibited bullying conduct aimed at district students and/or staff members may jeopardize their access to district facilities; district property; school sponsored activities, programs, and events; and/or district students and/or staff members through the district’s communication systems. As appropriate, reports to local law enforcement will be filed to report criminal bullying behaviors.

This policy and the district bullying plan shall be posted on the district’s website, and copies of such documents shall be made available to parents of current students upon request.

**BOE Approval January 13, 2016**