



# SADDLEBACK VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Saddleback Valley Unified School District Anti-Harassment/Anti-Bullying Announcement

In the Saddleback Valley USD, we demonstrate our commitment to our students, parents and community in providing a safe and non-discriminatory educational environment for all students. We strive to create a climate of inclusivity that recognizes the diversity and complexity of our communities and we promote non-discrimination in all aspects and prohibit any type of harassment, intimidation or bullying. We also recognize that a value of our district is measured in the collective gifts that our educational community contributes to our district and we will assure all of our students that they are safe and able to learn in an environment that ensures they are college and career ready and successful when they graduate from high school.

In 2014, the California Legislature enacted different legislative measures that reinforce our responsibility of providing a safe and non-discriminatory school environment for all students, which include anti-bullying/anti-harassment protections and equal access to all school facilities. [Assembly Bill \(AB\) 9](#) and [AB1156](#) provide guidelines for adopting policies that prohibit discrimination, harassment and bullying and defines bullying to include electronic or cyber bullying as well as encouraging procedures and practices aimed at the prevention of bullying. [AB 1266](#) provides that Elementary and Secondary courses and classes will be conducted without regard to the student's actual or perceived gender identity enrolled in the class. This will include the use of all facilities that are consistent with the student's gender identity that is uniformly asserted at school. On all accounts, our focus is compliance with the law, as required, in a manner that is sensitive to the concerns of all parents and students and consistent with the values of non-discrimination in our community and protection from harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

We value our partnership with students and parents in protecting this safe and non-discriminatory environment and we seek your cooperation in making our schools a positive place for all students. If you have questions regarding our non-discrimination efforts or equal access, please contact your student's Principal. Together we make SVUSD a great place to be for all students.