

# DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT (DASA)



Franklin Middle School will not tolerate incidents of discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, or bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function by students and/or school employees.

The New York State Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and became effective July 1, 2012. This legislation amended State Education Law by creating a new Article 2 - Dignity for All Students. The Dignity Act states that NO student shall be subjected to harassment or discrimination by employees or students on school property or at a school function based on their actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex.

In compliance with Education Law § 13(3), at least one staff member at every school must be thoroughly trained in human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, and sex. This staff member should be referred to as the Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC). Our School Counselor, Amie Zimmer, has been appointed as the Dignity Act Coordinator and is available to assist students.

## **Additional Resources:**

DASA Brochure: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/documents/DASABrochure2.pdf>

Dignity for All Students Act Webpage: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/>