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Who Are You?





Bullying:

any **unwanted aggressive behavior(s)** by another youth or group of youths who are not siblings or current dating partners that involves an **observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated**. Bullying may inflict **harm or distress** on the targeted youth including physical, psychological, social, or educational harm.¹A young person can be a perpetrator, a victim, or both (also known as "bully/victim").

-Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Caveat:

Not all negative, socially unacceptable behavior is "bullying"

• *Bullying is* intentional harm-doing where a negative action is repeated over time, and there is an imbalance of power.



Conflict vs. Bullying

Equal power One time / occasionally Accidental / Not planned No serious, lasting harm Equal emotional reaction Not seeking power Often: remorse May try to solve problem Imbalance of power Repeated over time Intentional Physical/emotional harm Unequal emotional reaction Seeking control/possession No remorse-blames target No effort to solve problem

To Consider

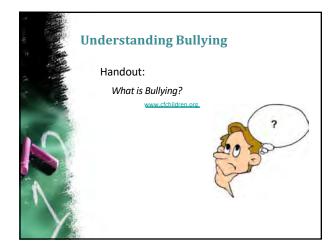
- 1. Expressing Negative Thoughts and Feelings Is Not Bullying
- 2. Being Left Out Is Not Always Bullying
- 3. Experiencing Conflict Is Not Bullying
- 4. Not Playing Fair Is Not Bullying

Distinctions (cont'd)

5. Good-Natured Teasing Is Not Bullying

•Joking and teasing become bullying when there is a conscious decision to hurt another person.

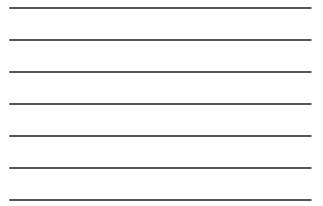
- •Teasing becomes bullying when young people:
 - ≻ make demeaning comments ≻ engage in name-calling
 - ≻spread unsavory r<u>umor</u>
 - ≻make threats
- 6. Finding "conflict" does not preclude finding "bullying."













Types of Bullying

Direct Bullying

 consisting of overt, relatively open attacks, usually in a face-to-face confrontation

Indirect Bullying

 consisting of covert actions, which are more concealed and subtle

Relational or Social Bullying

 consisting of behaviors that are intended to damage a student's reputation or social standing Olweus: 2007

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'Low-status' bullying'

•High on psychopathology, low on social skills, and possessing few assets and competencies that the peer group values.

'High Status bullying'

•Not always obvious to adults. Perceived by peers as being popular, socially skilled, and leaders.

• High status aggressors can avoid discipline or manipulate situations so that their peers are disciplined instead of them.

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine

Two Kinds of Empathy

High status aggressors can have empathy too – just not the kind we typically think of when we hear the word. It's "cognitive empathy": the kind that enables them to manipulate people without guilt or without feeling the other person's pain (low status aggressors usually lack even cognitive empathy).

Two kinds of bullying, ^{Anne Collier} Two kinds of empathy

Constructing the cyber-troll: Psychopathy, sadism, and empathy. Federation Iniversity, School of Health Science and Psychology. University Drive, Mt Helen, //C 3309, Australia. Federation University, School of Health Science and Psychology, Northways Road, Churchill, VIC 3842, Australia



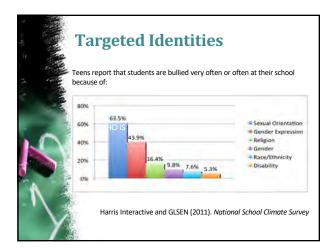


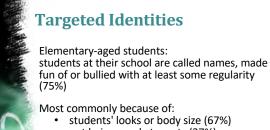
Characteristics of Students who are Bullied

- Are perceived as different from their peers (obese; having special needs; are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or who are questioning their identities (GLBTQ);...) or as weak and unable to defend themselves
- Are depressed, anxious, or have low self esteem
- Are less popular than others and have few friends
- Do not get along well with others, seen as annoying or provoking, or antagonize others for attention

www.stopbullvingnow.gov

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- not being good at sports (37%) how well they do at schoolwork (26%) •
- not conforming to traditional gender norms/roles (23%) •
- other people think they're gay (21%)

Harris Interactive (2012). Playgrounds and Prejudice: Elementary School Climate in the United



Two Types of Students who are Bullied

One type:

- are bullied, but do not bully others
- are cautious, sensitive, quiet, withdrawn, shy
- are anxious, insecure, unhappy, have low selfesteem
- do not have a single good friend
- are often physically weaker than their peers (if they are boys)
 - Olweus Bullying Prevention Program, US, 2015, 1996

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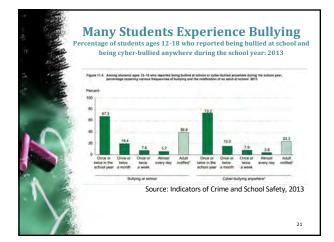
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Second type:

- display social-emotional problems of students who are bullied (depressed, socially anxious, poor selfesteem, socially isolated, feel disliked by peers)
- also show behavioral problems similar to students who bully (aggressive/anti social, difficulty concentrating, impulsive, more likely to be hyperactive/ADHD)

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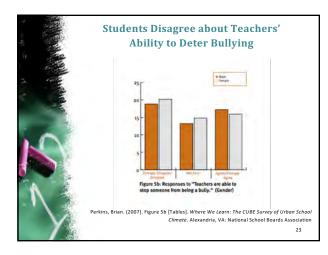




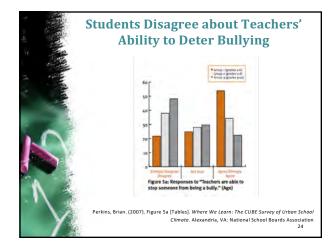
Characteristics of Students Who Bully

Are aggressive or easily frustrated Have less parental involvement or are having issues at home Think badly of others Have difficulty following rules View violence in a positive way Have friends who bully others Are well connected to their peers Have social power www.stopbullyingnow.gov

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We MUST take action!

Welcoming Schools Handouts

- Bias, Bullying, and Bystanders
- Tips for Elementary School Educators
- What You Can Say to Stop Hurtful Language and Educate
- Engage Students in Teachable Moments
- What Do You Say to 'That's So Gay'?

www.welcomingschools.org





Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place using electronic technology.

Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as...

- Cell phones
- Computers and tablets
- Communication tools such as social media sites, text messages, chat and websites

www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying



Why Cyberbullying is Different

- Cyberbullying can happen 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and reach a child even when they are alone.
- Cyberbullying messages and images are posted anonymously and distributed quickly to a very wide audience. Sometimes impossible to trace.
- Deleting inappropriate or harassing messages, text, and pictures is extremely difficult after they have been posted or sent.

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Frequency of Cyberbullying

- The 2010-2012 School Crime Supplement (National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Justice Statistics) indicate that 9% of students in grades 6-12 experience cyberbullying.
- The 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey finds that 15% of high school students (grades 9-12) were electronically bullied in the past year.

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Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Suicide Among US Youth: Our Updated Research Findings

Study: 12 to 17-year-old middle and high school students across the United States

•2,670 (49.9% female, 49.6% male) and comparable to the population of middle and high school students in the U.S. by race (66% of the sample is White/Caucasian, 12% is Black/African American, 11.9% is Hispanic/Latin American, and 10% were another race).

Key Findings:

•Experiencing both together was linked to an exponentially higher likelihood of trying to take one's own life.

 Bullying does have a tremendous impact on the mental health of youth today, especially if multiple forms combine and are magnified to plague a student in pointedly negative ways.

Connecting Adolescent Suicide to the Severity of Bullying and Cyberbullying, By Sameer Hinduja and Justin W. Patchin, 2018



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Take Aways:

•<u>Anonymous reporting systems</u>, and the availability of educators at school

•Students themselves must realize that their individual and collective voice is powerful and must come through for their classmates with intentionality by encouraging, defending, supporting, and rallying to their aid as necessary

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Cyberbullying

- What to do when your child is cyberbullied... <u>http://cyberbullying.org/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2014/12/tips-for-parents-</u> when-child-is-cyberbullied.jpg
- Cyberbullying: identification, prevention and response...<u>http://cyberbullying.org/cyberbullying</u> <u>-fact-sheet-identification-prevention-and-</u> response/

Cyberbullying Research Center, cyberbullying.org



Bullying/Cyberbullying

"It seems likely that we will eventually do away with a differentiation and recognize that online bullying is more of a location than a method, since social media is the virtual hangout of youth today."

Dr. Patti Agatston 2017



But ... it happened away from school

If there is a nexus between on and off-campus behavior such as:

- 1. location & proximity to school
- 2. time: hour & date
- 3. effect on others
- severity of activity & likely connection to student or staff safety
- impact on overall environment & safety of the school



Legalities

Federal Laws: http://www.stopbullying.gov/laws/federal/index.html

At present, **no federal law directly addresses bullying**. In some cases, bullying overlaps with discriminatory harassment which is covered under federal civil rights laws enforced by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). No matter what label is used (e.g., bullying, hazing, teasing), schools are obligated by these laws to address conduct that is



Legalities

•Severe, pervasive or persistent.

- Creates a hostile environment at school.
 - Based on a student's race, color, national origin, sex, disability or religion.



Legalities

Federal Laws: Broadband Data Improvement Act

Section 215 require[s] elementary and secondary schools with computer access to the Internet to educate minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting...on social networking websites and in chat rooms and cyberbullying awareness and response as a part of their Internet safety policy.

Legalities

Harassment-related student bullying: Schools may be legally liable :

- Target is a member of a "protected class" defined under federal civil rights laws include gender, race and disability
- 2. Harassment was based on the students' membership in a protected class
- 3. Harassment was severe, pervasive and offensive
- 4. School had **knowledge** of the harassment

http://www.educationworld.com/a_admin/bullving-school-legal-liability.shtml

5. School was deliberately indifferent



The Impact of Bullying

Students engaged in bullying:

- Abuse alcohol and other drugs in adolescence and as adults
- Get into fights, vandalize property, and drop out of school
- Engage in early sexual activity
- Have criminal convictions and traffic citations as adults
- Tend to be abusive toward their romantic partners, spouses, or children as adults



The Impact of Bullying

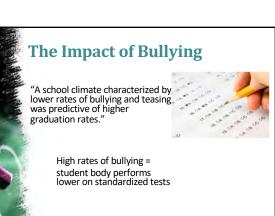
Targets of Bullying:

- Higher rates of anxiety
- Depression
- Physical health problems
- Decreased academic performance
- Impact into adulthood

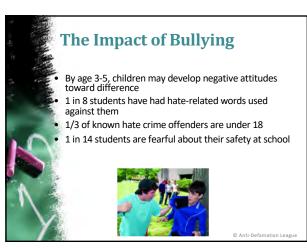


The Impact of Bullying Bystanders: • Have increased risk factors for use of tobacco, alcohol or other drugs • Have increased depression and anxiety • Miss or skip school





American Educational Research Association, 2013



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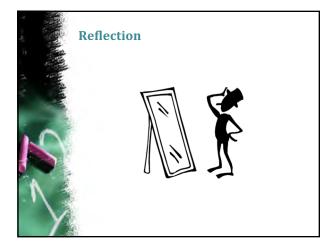


Trauma

Experts classify bullying as chronic trauma.

Chronic trauma is repetitive and insidious accumulation of everyday insults to one's integrity and sense of safety as a human being. The more a person is bullied and threatened, the more they are traumatized.

Dr. Henry Gravitz, Unlocking the Doors to Triumph, 2004 Diplomate of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and of the American Board of Forensic Examiners









Best Practices

- 1. Focus on the social environment
- Assess bullying
 Garner staff and parent support
- 4. Form a group to coordinate the school's activities
- 5. Train your staff
- 6. Establish and enforce school rules and policies
- Increase adult supervision in hot spots
- 8. Intervene consistently and appropriately
- 9. Focus class time

10. Continue these efforts over time

Best Practices

Which of the 10 Best Practices is working well in your school?





Best Practices

Which of the 10 Best Practices do you have the skills to lead at your school?

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Best Practices

Which of the 10 Best Practices is missing from the current efforts of your school/district?



Best Practices

Which of the 10 Best Practices do you need the most support to implement?





Best Practices

Which of the 10 Best Practices do you see as the most problematic for your schools/districts as they think of implementing a comprehensive bullying prevention program?

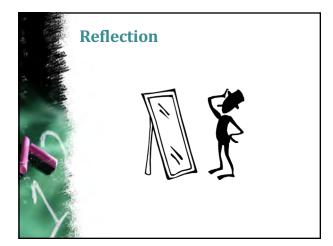




Best Practices

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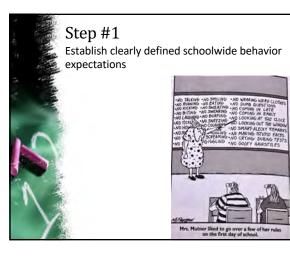








Stan Davis, author



Expectations/Rules

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Safe
 - Everyone contributes to the learning environment
- We will not bully others.
 - We will try to help students who are bullied.
 - We will try to include students who are left out.
 - If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.









STEP #5

Provide structured opportunities for aggressive youth to think about their actions





STEP #6

Work to develop a peer climate in which bystanders support and include students who are frequent targets of bullying



STEP #7

Protect targets and bystanders from repeated or retaliatory harassment or other negative behaviors





STEP #8

Help targets to reverse feelings of self-blame & to feel powerful





Help targets build friendships





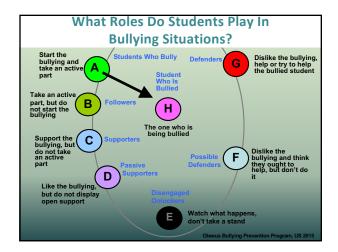
Recognize and build on the strengths and accomplishments of your school community

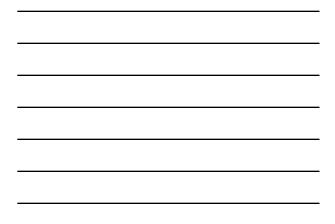




"While attention is most often directed at the experiences and traits of aggressors and victims, the majority of students (75 - 80%) are bystanders."

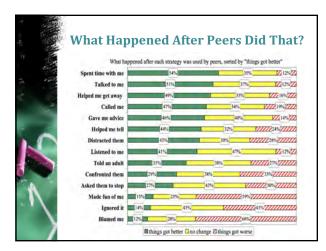
Stan Davis, Schools Where Everyone Belongs, p195

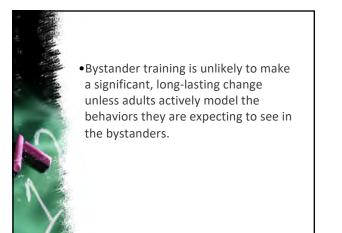












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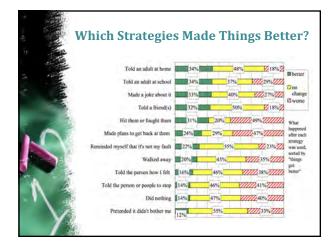
"We encourage caring adults always to ask students not only about what they did, but also about what happened after they did that. This follow-up question helps youth internalize the value of kind actions by reflecting on the specific positive outcomes of those actions. When young people learn to see the effects of their positive actions, they grow in self-efficacy - that is in the sense that their actions make a difference. They develop internal motivation to continue those positive actions."

Youth Voice Project, Chapter 5 Page 78



Which of the actions below made things better for the student being bullied?

- Did nothing
- Walked away
- Reminded myself it was not my fault
- Made a joke about it
- Pretended it didn't bother me
- Told a friend
- Told an adult at school
- Told an adult at home
- Told the person how I felt
- Told the person or people to stop
- Made plans to get back at them
- Hit them or fought them







When we stop our behaviors that make the problem worse, we take the first step. ... when we show by our actions and our positive attention that we value every student, we encourage our students to do the same."

Stan Davis, Schools Where Everyone Belongs, Chapter 4



Scenario

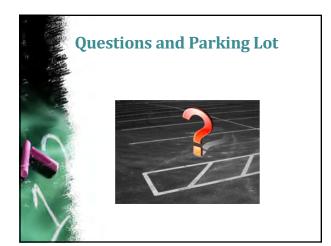
Sam has been receiving messages like "you're such a loser" and "you suck" from a couple of people at school. He deletes the messages, but they keep coming. He asks you for help. **What would you do?**

From "Words Wound" by J. Patchin and S. Hinduja

Scenario

While surfing the internet one night you stumble on a website someone has made about Micah, a student at your school. The site includes embarrassing photos and hurtful information. What would you do?

From: "Words Wound" by J. Patchin and S. Hinduja







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- Education World: www.educationworld.com
- GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network): www.glsen.org
- International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP) https://www.iirp.edu National Center for Education Statistics: https://nces.ed.gov
- National School Boards Association: www.nsba.org/sites/default/files/reports/Where-we-learn 1.pdf
- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program: www.hazelden.org/web/go/olweus
- Stop Bullying Now: www.stopbullving.gov
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