

Bullying: What you should know



One of every five students reports being bullied during the school year

BULLYING CAN TAKE MANY FORMS INCLUDING:

- Unwanted aggressive behavior
- Observed or perceived power imbalance
- Adverse behavior that is repeated or likely to be repeated

IT CAN BE PERVASIVE AND OCCUR:

- In person (verbal or physical or both)
- Online, through social media and texts

Bullying hurts everyone

- Bullying is not just about the student being bullied — the behavior can impact all students in the school, including the bully
- Creates a poor school environment
- Can negatively impact school staff

Statistics show:

- Victims of childhood bullying have a higher risk of developing mental health problems later in life.
- A connection between bullying and other problems such as gang-related violence and behavioral health risks such as substance use.
- Any involvement with bullying can significantly contribute to feelings of helplessness and hopelessness that raise the risk of suicide.

 For more information, visit stopbullying.gov or pacer.org.

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