

## **Definition of Bullying**

 "A person could be considered bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions or words on the part of one or more other persons, and he or she has difficulty defending himself or herself".

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# •Bullying is: •Repetitive

- Intentional
- Power (imbalance of)



## TYPES OF BULLYING

#### PHYSICAL

hitting, kicking, shoving, tripping

#### VERBAL

name calling, taunting, threats

#### • EMOTIONAL

spreading rumors, social exclusion, public humiliation, stalking, harassment (sexual, racial, religious)

#### CYBER

**\***use of computers, cell phones, other electronic devices



#### Florida Statute: 1006.147 "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act"



- Signed by Governor Charlie Crist on June 10, 2008.
- Statute states that *"bullying or harassment of any student or employee of a public K-12 educational institution is prohibited".*
- The School District of Osceola County adopted Policy 5.321 (Bullying and Harassment) on 10/21/2008.

#### The School District of Osceola County Bullying/Harassment Policy 5.321

- Bullying is not allowed during any education program or activity conducted by a school or the school district. It is not allowed on any school campus,
- During any school related or school sponsored event,
- On a school bus,



• Through the use of a computer, cell phone, etc.

#### What You Need to Know

- Bullying will <u>NOT</u> be tolerated at our school.
- If you or someone you know are being bullied, tell a trusted adult about it. <u>Telling about</u> <u>bullying is not tattling.</u>

- Reporting forms may be found in the office.
- No one <u>ever</u> deserves to be bullied.



### Anonymous Reporting

- You may report acts of bullying anonymously.
- Our school has an anonymous reporting box. This box may be used for reporting bullying as well as suggestions for making our school a better place.
- You may report acts of bullying on the Osceola School District website. (Student or Parent Resources)



#### **Anonymous Reporting**

- You may also report bullying anonymously through the following:
- SpeakOut Hotline:
  - (407) 423-TIPS
  - (407) 423-8477
- www.speakouthotline.org
- Text message to: 274637



#### STUDENT BULLYING REPORT

Name:

Name of Student You Believe is Bullying You:

Examples of What This Student Has Done to You:

Where These Things Happen (ex. Hallway, classroom, cafeteria, etc.):

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Questions to Answer:	Yes	No
Has this happened more than once?		
	If yes, how often?	
Are you friends with this person?		
Have you told any other adults about		
this?	If yes, who?	
Do you often choose to be around this		
person?		
Do you believe this person has more		
power than you?	If yes, how?	
Bullying is defined as "unwanted		
aggressive behavior that is repeated over		
time and involves an imbalance in		
power." Based on this definition, do you		
believe the student you named is truly		
bullying you?		

#### Students Reporting Bullying at School

I have been honest in answering this form. I understand that in a true bullying situation, the school counselor cannot keep private what I have told her, and she will likely bring this to the attention of the principal and assistant principal.

## WEBSITES

- Stop Bullying Now
  - <u>www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov</u>
- Pacer Center
  - www.pacerteensagainstbullying.org



