

Bullying

Bullying is a form of violence that hurts others. Bullying occurs when a student or group of students intentionally and repeatedly uses their power to hurt other individuals or groups.

Things to know about bullying:

- Some students are bullies, others are targets of bullying.
- A student can be both a target and bully at the same time.
- Some students are bystanders. Bystanders can either be passive or active.
- Some acts of bullying can result in suspension and/or expulsion from school.
- Bullying breaks the law when it becomes stealing, assault and battery, extortion, sexual harassment, hate crimes and other criminal acts.

School bullying affects the safety and social well being of the entire school community. Wanting and needing to belong at school is important to most students. Being put-down, embarrassed, physically hurt or terrorized at school on a regular basis is hurtful for students at any grade level. Bullying can make a student feel unwanted and rejected.

What To Do:

If you are a student who is experiencing bullying from someone else while you are at school you need to tell your building administrator (principal) immediately. Also talk to your guidance counselor. If you are a parent of a student who is being bullied at school you need to call the building administrator and report it. In both cases the information that you will need is who is doing the bullying, when and how often has it happened, is the bullying verbal and/or physical.

Minster Local Schools does not tolerate bullying that occurs within any of its buildings. If a student is bullied via an electronic device such as a cell phone, PDA, computer, etc. most likely it is not happening at school as cell phone/PDA use is strictly prohibited during the school day. Our students do not have e-mail accounts at school and electronic social networks such as Facebook, My Space, Twitter, and U-Tube have been blocked on all district computers thus students do not have access at school. If a student is being bullied via an electronic device we suggest that you call the other child's parent/guardian to report it, consult the police department in terms of stealing, extortion, or physical harm, and consult with your legal counsel.

Bullying incidents that led to disciplinary actions during the 2008-2009 school year:

Elementary School	0
Middle School	0
High School	3

Bullying incidents that led to disciplinary actions during the August 2009- December 2009 school year:

Elementary School	1
Middle School	0
High School	3

Bullying incidents that led to disciplinary actions during the January 2010- May 2010 school year:

Elementary School	1
Middle School	1
High School	2

Bullying incidents that led to disciplinary actions during the August 2010- December 2010 school year:

Elementary School	1
Middle School	2
High School	3

Bullying incidents that led to disciplinary actions during the January 2011 - May 2011 school year:

Elementary School	0
Middle School	3
High School	1

Bullying incidents that led to disciplinary actions during the August 2011 - December 2011 school year:

Elementary School	2
Jr/Sr High School	2