

Ohio Revised Code 3313.666 requires that the board of education of each city, local, exempted village and joint vocational school district shall establish a policy prohibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying.

It is the goal of the Stark County Prosecutor's Office to assist in combating bullying throughout the school districts in our community.

To schedule a anti-bullying presentation, contact

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STAND UP TO BULLIES!

WHAT STUDENTS CAN DO:

- Tell your parents, teacher, guidance counselor, school resource officer or trusted adult about the situation.
- Don't be a bystander. Offer support to someone who is being bullied.
- Treat fellow students with respect.

WHAT TEACHERS CAN DO:

- Take time to discuss the consequences of bullying with students and parents.
- Encourage students to come to you with their bullying concerns.
- Exercise a team approach. Include fellow teachers, counselors, and administrators in your plan to prevent bullying.

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SAY NO TO BULLYING!



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OHIO LAW DEFINES "HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION OR BULLYING" AS:

Any intentional written, verbal, electronic or physical act that a student has exhibited toward another particular student more than once and the behavior both: (a) causes mental or physical harm to the other student; (b) is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for the other student. **O.R.C. 3313.666.**

The U.S. Department of Justice's Community Oriented Police Services (COPS) Office has stated that "bullying may be the most underreported safety problem in American schools."

Some forms of bullying can be, but limited to:

- Physical, verbal or both.
- Hitting
- Punching
- Kicking
- Pushing or Pulling
- Spreading rumors in school or online
- Excluding people from groups or "cliques"
- Harassing and/or threatening online. This is called "cyber-bullying."
- Bullies tend to look for people who seem shy or socially awkward in some way.
- Picking on someone makes a bully feel superior to them.

BULLIES CAN BE:

- Any race or gender and come from any background.
- An individual or a group of people.

BULLIES CAN:

- Be more prevalent throughout elementary and middle school years.
- Lack a sense of empathy for others.
- Enjoy being the center of attention.

CONSEQUENCES OF BULLYING:

- Can include school suspension and even expulsion. Also, if the bullying is severe enough, it could lead to possible criminal charges. Some examples are:
- If someone is severely injured, it can lead to charges of assault or felonious assault.
- If someone is harmed by verbal threats, it can lead to possible charges of menacing. Cyber-bullying may lead to charges of Telecommunications Harassment.
- If someone damages another's property via bullying, this could lead to charges of criminal damaging.



CYBERBULLYING

The repeated use of electronic media (computers, cell phones, i-pads, etc.) to threaten, harass or intimidate another person through cruel or embarrassing messages.

EXAMPLES OF CYBERBULLYING CAN INCLUDE:

- Sending someone constant mean and/or threatening e-mails, pictures, instant messages or text messages.
- Impersonating someone to extract information to send to others.
- Creating a fake account of another person and posting embarrassing pictures or videos to humiliate that person.
- Hacking into someone's account and sending mean e-mail messages or texts to other people under that person's screen name.
- Sending or forwarding mean or embarrassing text messages or pictures of another student throughout a school.

