

Bullying Education and Prevention at Kinard

What is Bullying?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. (stopbullying.gov)

While any act of meanness or aggression is taken seriously at Kinard, it is important to make sure that the unwanted actions a student is experiencing is indeed bullying. Consult the picture to the right to decide if a student experiencing bullying, teasing, conflict, or mean moments.



TEASING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Everyone is having fun• No one is getting hurt• Everyone is participating equally	CONFLICT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No one is having fun• There is a possible solution to the disagreement• Equal balance of power
MEAN MOMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Someone is being hurt on purpose• Reaction to a strong feeling or emotion• An isolated event (does not happen regularly)	BULLYING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attacked physically, socially, and/or emotionally• Unequal balance of power• Happens more than once over a period of time• Someone is being hurt on purpose

Bullying Prevention Across Grade Levels

6th Grade

- [Friendly Schools](#) curriculum during ELO second week of school
- English classes attend presentation about cyber bullying from our school resource officer Keith Maynard
- Counselors enter 6th grade English classrooms to define role, reasons to visit counselor, and how to make an appointment with the counselor.

7th Grade

- [Friendly Schools](#) curriculum during ELO second week of school. Curriculum is tailored to 7th graders thus differing from the 6th grade experience.
- Counselor visits 7th grade classrooms to discuss mean and rude behavior vs. bullying
- [Bullying and Bystanders presentation](#)

8th Grade

- [Friendly Schools](#) curriculum during ELO second week of school. Curriculum is tailored to 8th graders thus differing from the 7th grade experience
- Counselor visits 8th grade classrooms to discuss mean and rude behavior vs. bullying
- [Bullying and Bystanders presentation](#)

The Process

Kinard uses the [tiered levels of support](#) that address bullying prevention and intervention offered by PSD. The process begins with educating our staff and setting the expectation for a universal level of research-based behavioral support. This allows for each member in our building to be a safe and knowledgeable person to approach when a student is feeling bullied.

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