

SUNCOAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT INFORMATION ON BULLYING
2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



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OUR GOAL

To ensure that schools sustain healthy, positive and safe learning environments for all students and school staff.

What is bullying?

- ❑ Behavior that is intentional, hurtful, repeated by one or more persons and where there is an imbalance of power.
- ❑ It is further defined as unwanted written, verbal or physical behavior including any threatened insulting or dehumanizing gestures that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment and may interfere with student's performance.



TRAINING AWARENESS

- Mrs. Baker and Mr. Bennett will teach the SMART Expectations and bullying criteria to all students. This will be done at least twice a year. Mrs. Hartwell in the media center will be reading books and completing anti bullying activities.
- Students will be able to identify bullying behaviors and the actions they need to take to prevent bullying.
- Students will learn to be “UPSTANDERS” (stand up for others) instead of bystanders.

WHAT IS BULLYING?

- Verbal Bullying = name calling, teasing or taunting
- Physical Bullying = punching, hitting, kicking, tripping
- Spreading Rumors
- Ignoring or Excluding on purpose
- Taking things from someone (ex. lunch, snacks)
- **Cyberbullying – Emails or Facebook or Texting**

BULLYING CRITERIA

- For an incident/incidents to be considered bullying, certain criteria have to be met:
 - 1.) The behaviors have to be repeated!
 - 2.) There has to be an imbalance of power. (The bully is bigger, stronger, older than the other student involved)
 - 3.) The students learning environment has to be negatively impacted.

WHAT DO I DO?

(THIS IS WHAT WE TEACH THE STUDENTS TO DO IF THEY SERIOUSLY FEEL THEY ARE BEING BULLIED.)

- Try not to show you are upset or afraid.
- Calmly tell the student to STOP.
- Stand up for yourself and others.
- Walk away.
- Tell your teacher, counselor, or principal.
- Tell your parents. Telling is not tattling.
- Your friends can help you.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT MRS.
BAKER IN THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT
IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OR
QUESTIONS REGARDING BULLYING.
(352)-797-7085 EXT. 217



THANK YOU FOR HELPING KEEP OUR
SCHOOL SAFE AND BULLY FREE!