



CONFLICT vs. BULLYING

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Identifying a situation as a natural conflict amongst students versus bullying is an essential first step in implementing interventions, resolutions, and student support.

CONFLICT

is a spontaneous or triggered reaction by an event (such as one child wanting to play with another child's toy). In a conflict, both children:



Have equal power



Take responsibility for their part in the argument



Feel remorse and want to resolve the issue

BULLYING

is intentional and repeated. A situation is bullying when one child:



Has more power than the other



Means to harm or make the other child feel bad about themselves



Does not feel remorse for what they have done

Conflict may happen accidentally on occasion. Bullying is often repeated and always intentional. Know the difference between the two to help us foster a safer and more inclusive social environment.

