

# Rye Neck Middle School

DASA and Expectations  
Grade 6

## "TOP TEN" EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS

1. **Do** take responsibility for your actions
  2. **Do** look out for each other and help classmates in need
  3. **Do** promote respect for yourself and others through words and actions
  4. **Do** make a positive difference
  5. **Do** follow instructions \*Especially in emergency situations like yesterday!
1. **Don't** bully, intimidate, or harass others
  2. **Don't** be a bystander
  3. **Don't** possess or use tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or weapons
  4. **Don't** touch each other - no fighting or just "playing around"
  5. **Don't** cheat or lie

Know the rules!

# Rude, Mean or Bullying?



# is it BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN.**

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it*—even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's **BULLYING.**



**MY TEAM  
IS BETTER  
THAN  
YOURS**



JUST BECAUSE IT'S NOT BULLYING DOESN'T MEAN IT'S OK!

# BULLYING

## How is bullying defined?

Bullying is when someone aggressively uses their “power” to target another individual with repeated, unwanted words or actions, hurting them physically and/or emotionally.

INTENTIONAL

REPEATED

POWER IMBALANCE

## TYPES OF BULLYING

### PHYSICAL

Includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching, or damaging property

### VERBAL

Includes name-calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse

### SOCIAL

Designed to harm someone's social reputation or cause humiliation and can include lying and spreading rumors, encouraging others to socially exclude someone, mimicking unkindly, or playing nasty to embarrass or humiliate

### CYBER

Occurs via digital technology, including hardware such as computers and smartphones and software such as social media, instant messaging, texts, websites, or other platforms and can include abusive or hurtful texts, emails, posts, images or video, gossip or rumors, or login

- PHONES ARE NEVER TO BE USED IN SCHOOL WITHOUT PERMISSION. YOU MAY NOT RECORD OR PHOTOGRAPH ANYTHING AT SCHOOL.
- ANYTHING POSTED OR SHARED THAT WAS RECORDED AT SCHOOL CAN LEAD TO A DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE.



# Dignity for All Students Act (DASA):

DASA was created to protect students in New York from all forms of bullying:

- verbal
- physical
- social
- cyberbullying

DASA protects students from bullying; it specifically addresses certain areas. It is considered particularly bad to bully people for these reasons (actual or perceived):

Race

Ethnicity

National Origin

Color

weight Disability

Hair Styles

Gender

Sex

Sexual orientation

Religion/Religious Practice

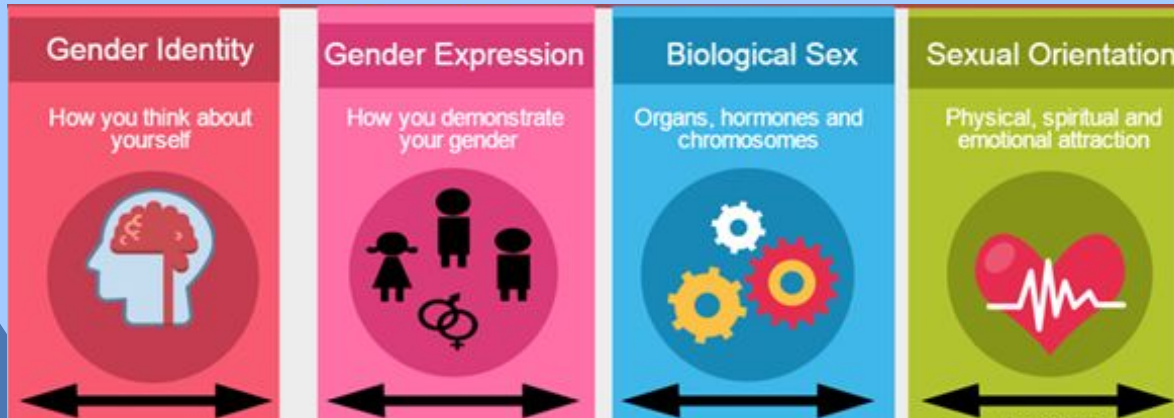
That doesn't mean that bullying for other reasons is OK!

**Race** (characteristics you can see..skin color, **hair texture**, facial features;  
US Census identifies five categories of race: Black or African American,  
American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander and  
white)



**Ethnicity** (characterized by cultural practices, customs and traditions that  
are learned - language, heritage, dress, customs, food)

**National origin** (country someone is from or their ancestors are from)



Does this mean everyone has to be friends?

No.

But, it does mean that everyone has the right to be treated with respect, kindness, empathy and compassion.

How to not be friends...

# Consequences

what happens if you break the rules? It depends on what you did, if you have done it or something similar before, your age, and other circumstances. Consequences include:

- a discussion with a teacher, counselor, Mr. Doerr, Dr. Barker, or the police
- a call home or a meeting with your parents
- detention
- community service
- suspension, in school or out of school
- Superintendent's hearing with Dr. Lutinski
- referral to the police department

