

Lake City Community School uses the Second Step curriculum in classrooms as part of our social and emotional learning curriculum. The Second Step program teaches children important skills for getting along with others and doing well in school. It also helps our school be a safe, respectful place where everyone can learn.

To further help our school be a safe and respectful place, we also implement, teach, and model the Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit. In these lessons, students learn and practice specific skills to help stop bullying. Students will learn how to:

- Recognize when bullying is happening
- Report bullying to a caring, trusted adult
- Refuse to let bullying happen to themselves or others
- Be a bystander who stands up and is part of the solution to bullying and conflict

For bullying prevention to be most effective, everyone at school needs to be involved. Our staff has been trained in how to:

- Recognize and respond to bullying
- Support children who have been bullied
- Correct behaviors of children who are bullying
- Use strategies that support a positive school and classroom climate

And we need your help, too! Get involved in making our school a safe and respectful place by letting us know if you hear about bullying at our school. You can contact the school or complete a bullying incident report form. Make sure your child knows to tell you or someone at school if they are being bullied. And give your child the clear message that it is never okay to bully others. If you have any questions about the Bullying Prevention Unit or the Second Step curriculum, please contact me (marthal@lakecityschool.org).

Thank you for helping us make our school a safe, respectful place where everyone can learn.