



Bully Prevention

In the Pine Strawberry Elementary School District, students learn about how to prevent bullying by participating in a program through PACER, the Nation Bullying Prevention Center. This is a program that delivers information to students beginning in 4th grade. The lessons focus on promoting empathy and respect among peers. They provide strategies for recognizing bullying behavior, responding effectively, and supporting those affected by bullying. The goal is to empower individuals to take action against bullying and foster a culture of kindness and acceptance in school.

If someone is bullying you, ask the person to stop. If they do not, inform a teacher or other adult in the school. The school will investigate the situation. If an investigation shows that bullying has occurred, our staff is committed to taking prompt action to end the misconduct, administer discipline, and prevent bullying from happening again.

Importance of understanding the definition and signs:

Bullying is an aggressive behavior that is intentional and that involves an imbalance of power or strength. Bullying can take many forms, such as physical, verbal, written, or electronically (cyberbullying). Bullying is not peer conflict, simply disliking someone, or a disagreement. An isolated act; unless the behavior is severe in its harm, a single incident does not typically constitute bullying.

How Parents Can Help:

- Monitor your child's participation in social media engagement
- Talk to your child about respect and responsibility

Help your child become more resilient to bullying by:

- Developing talents or positive attributes of your child
- Meeting new friends outside of the school environment

Every student has the right to be respected and the responsibility to respect others. Pine Strawberry School is committed to providing a learning environment that is free from bullying in any form.

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