



BOARD POLICY MANUAL	
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BULLYING AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

At Trinity Christian School we believe that every child is made in the image of God, and has infinite dignity, worth and value. Each child has a unique God given package of gifts, abilities and talents. Our board and staff are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for each child to develop in all aspects of his/her life, including spiritual, intellectual, physical, social or emotional.

Programs:

A School Climate Approach to Bullying Prevention
Steps to Respect – A Bullying Prevention Program

What Is Bullying?

- Bullying involves a power imbalance in which the child doing the bullying has more power, due to such factors as age, size, support of the peer group or higher status.
- Bullying is usually a repeated activity in which a particular child is singled out more than once and often in a chronic manner.
- Bullying is carried out with an intent to harm the child.
- Bullying includes physical aggression, verbal insults, the spreading of malicious rumors or gossip and threats of exclusion from the peer group.

Prevalence Rates

- More prevalent during late elementary through middle school years (grades 4-8).
- Reaches a peak in grades 6-8.
- Equally prevalent in males and females; however, the act of bullying is notably different.
- Students view teasing as the most common form of bullying.

Types Of Bullying

- Verbal
- Physical
- Relational

Who Is Involved?

- The child who bullies.
- The child who is bullied.
- The child who observes bullying.

“Working Together”

- Intended to raise awareness on a prolonged basis.
- Provides ongoing education and resources.
- Classroom presentations for all grade levels.
- Parent presentations.
- Staff presentations.

- School newsletters and parent information.
- Support for consistent and clear response and intervention.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

LORD,
Make me a channel of Thy peace,
that where there is hatred,
I may bring love;
that where there is wrong,
I may bring the spirit of forgiveness;
that where there is discord,
I may bring harmony;