

Frontier School District Bullying Prevention

Bullying has recently received a significant amount of attention. We in the Frontier School District believe bullying to be a serious issue and worthy of action. To address Bullying in our school district, we target the whole school population - not just the bullies. Parents and most of all, our youth, need to be aware of appropriate behaviors and how inappropriate behaviors should and will be addressed.

Frontier Central School District has adopted a variety of strategies and enforcement plans in a comprehensive school safety program so that all our students feel safe.

The programs and interventions utilized by our School Social Workers have been derived from research for their effectiveness in reducing existing bullying problems and preventing the development of future problems. Lessons about Bullying comply with the New York State Laws which require districts to educate students regarding bullying and the harmful effects.

Bullying behavior is evident in pre-school and generally peaks in the Middle School. It's important, therefore, that bullying intervention strategies are implemented as early as possible. Even if only a small number of students are directly involved, every student who witnesses bullying is affected in some way.

Strategies and interventions to address bullying and enforce our zero-tolerance policy are:

- Classroom Anti-Bullying Lessons
- Assemblies to address bullying
- Character announcements and the anti-bullying pledge
- Character lessons and clubs
- Bully Boxes
- Mentoring programs
- Conflict resolution lessons and meetings
- Bully prevention videos
- Behavior management assessments
- Safe Schools Committee / student involvement
- Individual Counseling
- Guest speakers and presentations
- Collaboration and partnership with WNY United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Inc.
- WNY Anti-bullying lessons
- Mediation

Groups for Students who have been identified as needing assistance:

- Anger Management
- Self- control guided groups
- Friendship groups
- Stress Busters/Anxiety Groups
- Social Skills
- Healthy Dating Groups

- Small Social Groups for Bullies
- Small Social Groups for Victims

Prevention and Support

- Middle School Counselors – involvement with elementary schools
- Parent Workshops
- Collaboration and linkage with outside agencies
- Parent/Teacher Consultation
- Staff training and consultation
- Attend Anti-Bullying workshops
- Train Bus Drivers on how to address bullying
- Parent flyers to address bullying
- PTA presentations
- District Resource Officer
- Parent Conferences
- Confidential Hot Line at each building

After School Activities

- Leadership Club
- Gay Straight Alliance
- New Student Ambassadors
- Character Club
- ETHOS Club
- FACT Club
- Be You Club
- Boys on the Right Track
- Girls on the Run
- Social Club

The full Board of Education policy on bullying (BP 7552) is available for review in the Code of Conduct.