

Anti-Bullying Policy

Our school defines bullying as repeated harmful, unsafe, disrespectful and hurtful behavior. Bullying reaches beyond mild teasing. Bullying can be physical, emotional distress, social embarrassment or humiliation. Bullying is repeated teasing, pushing, hitting, name-calling, gossiping, rumor spreading and excluding others.

Cyber bullying is a form of harassment using electronic devices. Text, audio, image or video that intimidates, harasses, threatens or humiliates is cyber bullying.

Students who engage in bullying behaviors will receive consequences which may include reprimands, parent conferences, scheduling changes, detention, Saturday School, work detail, loss of privileges (including bus riding), suspension and expulsion from school.

Student Expectations

At Sisters Middle School, we treat others with dignity and respect. We make everyone feel welcome and included and we help others who are being bullied or picked on. We expect student conduct to contribute to a positive and productive learning environment. If we see bullying happen or experience bullying ourselves, we tell a staff member.

Sisters Middle School staff members directly teach expected behaviors. Our school counselor and teachers teach students how to use problem-solving strategies, how to handle bullying situations as well as how to resist the urge to bully others. Parents are encouraged to notify staff members of bullying they hear about or see. Parents are asked, when safe to do so, to encourage their student to directly report bullying incidents to a staff member.