

Humble ISD on Bullying

The Texas Education Code defines bullying as engaging in written or verbal expression, expression through electronic means, or physical conduct that occurs on school property, at a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or in a vehicle operated by the district and that:

- (1) Has the effect or will have the effect of physically harming a student, damaging a student's property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property; or
- (2) Is sufficiently severe, persistent and pervasive enough that the action or threat creates an intimidating, threatening or abusive educational environment for a student.

[Act of June 17, 2011, 82th Leg., R.S., H.B. 1942, § 7 (to be codified at Texas Education Code § 37.0832)]

Conduct is considered bullying if it...

- (1) exploits an imbalance of power between the student perpetrator and the student victim through written or verbal expression or physical conduct; and

- (2) interferes with a student's education or substantially disrupts the operation of a school.

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The Humble Independent School District prohibits bullying as defined by state law. The District also prohibits retaliation against anyone who makes a bullying complaint.

A Message about Bullying

[A message from Humble ISD's Superintendent Dr. Guy Sconzo.pdf](#)

Bullying has made national, state and local headlines as several high-profile events have brought this issue into the spotlight. We in Humble ISD take the issue of bullying very seriously and understand that it is a problem that can potentially affect our students every day. Unfortunately, people often dismiss bullying among kids as a normal part of growing up: "that's just the way kids are." But bullying is harmful and can lead children and teenagers to feel anxious and afraid. Those who bully thrive on controlling or dominating others and have often been the victims of physical abuse or bullying themselves.

Because bullying is a growing issue across the nation and Humble ISD is not immune to this problem, both campus and district administrators are working together to provide a safe and orderly learning environment.

We Need to Work Together

We cannot do this without parental help. We ask that parents talk to their children to help them understand the negative impact of bullying and how to prevent it or respond to it. Please share with your child the importance of telling an adult if he/she is being bullied, either at school or on the Internet, on sites such as Facebook and MySpace. Let your children know that you will not tolerate any bullying-type behavior they may be a part of.

Too often, schools learn about a bullying situation after it's too late. By letting your school know early, we can work together as partners and take appropriate measures to stop the bullying. If you see signs of bullying or have questions, please contact your child's school counselor so that steps can be taken to eliminate bullying on campus or at after-school activities. Our priority is your child's safety and well-being so that he/she can have the best possible educational experience.

Student Complaint Form

Please click on the link below to access a student complaint form that can be obtained from any counselor or administrator or online. It must, however, be returned to the student's principal.

[Student-Complaint-Form.rtf](#)

Resources for Parents and Community Members

Parent and community members may access the following Web sites for resource information on bullying:

www.cyberbully411.org

<http://www.education.com/topic/school-bullying-teasing/>