

Statistics

Frequency of Bullying

There are two sources of federally collected data on youth bullying:

The 2010–2011 School Crime Supplement (National Center for Education Statistics and Bureau of Justice Statistics) indicates that, nationwide, 28% of students in grades 6–12 experienced bullying.

The 2013 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) indicates that, nationwide, 20% of students in grades 9–12 experienced bullying. Research on cyberbullying is growing. However, because kids' technology use changes rapidly, it is difficult to design surveys that accurately capture trends.

Resources

<http://www.stopbullying.gov>

Clinton City Schools

Clinton Police Department

Microsoft Clipart

Report Bullying

If you or someone you know are being bullied.

Clinton City School

Visit CCS website for anonymous electronic reporting

- ◆ Central Office: 910-592-3132
- ◆ Butler Avenue: 910-592-2629
- ◆ Clinton High: 910-592-2067
- ◆ L.C. Kerr: 910-592-3066
- ◆ Sampson Middle: 910-592-3327
- ◆ Sunset Avenue: 910-592-5623

Clinton Police Department

- ◆ Office: 910-592-3105
- ◆ Tip-Line: 910-590-3009
- ◆ Text: TIPCPD (847411) APP



Bullying: Actions and Words Can Hurt

Clinton Police Department, in collaboration with Clinton City School.



Creating safe environments: Community and Schools

Bullying Definition

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

- **An Imbalance of Power:** Kids who bully use their power—such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity—to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.
- **Repetition:** Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

Bullying includes actions such as making threats, spreading rumors, attacking someone physically or verbally, and excluding someone from a group on purpose.

Types of Bullying

There are three types of bullying:

Verbal bullying is saying or writing mean things. Verbal bullying includes:

- Teasing
- Name-calling
- Inappropriate sexual comments
- Taunting
- Threatening to cause harm



Social bullying, sometimes referred to as relational bullying, involves hurting someone's reputation or relationships. Social bullying includes:

- Leaving someone out on purpose
- Telling other children not to be friends with someone
- Spreading rumors about someone
- Embarrassing someone in public

Physical bullying involves hurting a person's body or possessions. Physical bullying includes:

- Hitting/kicking/pinching
- Spitting
- Tripping/pushing
- Taking or breaking someone's things
- Making mean or rude hand gestures

Where and When Bullying Happens

Bullying can occur during or after school hours. While most reported bullying happens in the school building, a significant percentage also happens in places like on the playground or the bus. It can also happen travelling to or from school, in the youth's neighborhood, or on the Internet.

