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Bullying & Threats and their Consequences

Grades 4-5

California Law

- California Education Code (48900r 1/1/09) is the “law book” for schools in California
- It says: A Student can be suspended or expelled if he/she...
engages in an act of bullying including, but not limited to bullying committed by means of an electronic act ... directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel

That Means...

If you bully or threaten someone,
in person, in writing or electronically,
you may be
suspended or expelled.

What is Bullying?

- Intimidating or threatening someone
- Spreading rumors
- Making someone feel insecure or unsafe
- Encouraging others to treat someone poorly
- Challenging someone to fight

Doing any of the above and/or causing a disruption to
the campus will lead to consequences.

Who Decides ?

...After consulting with the victim

- Principal/ Vice Principal
- Counselor
- Safety Officers
- Police / Sheriff

Types of Bullying

- Physical: Use of force or threat of force, stealing or extorting
- Verbal: Using words to hurt or humiliate and includes hostile gestures
- Visual: Using pictures or video to hurt or humiliate
- Relational: Using social influence to exclude another student and includes rumors and gossip
- Cyber: Using cyberspace to hurt or humiliate such as email, IM or texts

If You Bully...What Will Happen?

It could be....

Conference with Administrator

or

Detention or Saturday School

or

Transfer to another school

or

Suspension

or

Expulsion

or

Arrest

...Depending on the severity of the bullying

Is This Bullying?

D: Did you see those lame shoes?

E: Yeah, she always wears them.

D: Let's stop sitting with her at lunch

E: Yeah, who'd want to be her friend

Answer: **YES**

Possible Consequence ??

**Conference with
Administrator,
Detention, Transfer, or
Suspension**

Is This...?

G: She needs to lose 60 pounds!

F: What a cow! Who would go out with her?

Answer: YES

Possible Consequence ??

Conference with
Administrator,
Detention, Transfer, or
Suspension

How About This?

Facebook Posting

- A: I hate that teacher
- B: Yeah, she's hecka mean
- C: Me too, I'd like to punch her out
- A: Me too- let's do it
- C: I'm in

Answer: YES

Possible Consequence ??

Suspension or
Expulsion

This...?

S: I heard you were talking smack about me.

D: No way !

S: Do it again and I'm gonna kill you !!

Answer: YES

Possible Consequence ??

Suspension or
Expulsion

Myth or Truth?

If I text or post on Facebook outside of school hours, it does not have anything to do with school and I can't get in trouble.

Myth

If it causes anyone at school to be fearful or uncomfortable, school rules could apply.

Truth

Test Yourself

Myth or Truth ?

- If I don't start the post or conversation I can't be blamed **Myth**
- If you participate in a bullying conversation in any way you are as guilty as the person who started it **Truth**
- If I don't give the school permission to view my texts or postings they can't use what I said against me **Myth**

You Can Be Suspended or Expelled if..

- You post something inappropriate on Facebook and someone provides a printout of your postings
- Someone brings in an inappropriate text you have sent
- You share an inappropriate video or picture in person or online

The Four Roles in Bullying

- The Bully: The one who does the bullying
- The Victim: The one who is made fun of, threatened or actually physically attacked
- The Bystander: Stands idly by, or even encourage the bully - lends power to the bully
- The Defender: Stands up and speaks out against the bully to defend the one who is bullied

Which Role Will You Play ?

The Bottom Line

- If you don't want your parents or school to read it, don't post it, don't write it and don't say it
- You are responsible for your words and actions

Remember

The internet and social media can be positive tools to help you communicate, share ideas and participate in long distance learning. It does, however, come with responsibility. Use it wisely!