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BULLYING

TYPES OF BULLING

Bullying can take many forms but it usually includes the following types of behavior:

- **Physical** – hitting, kicking, pinching, punching, scratching, spitting or any other form of physical attack. Damage to or taking someone else’s belongings may also constitute as physical bullying.
- **Verbal** – name calling, insulting, making racist, sexist or homophobic jokes, remarks or teasing, using sexually suggestive or abusive language, offensive remarks
- **Indirect** – spreading nasty stories about someone, exclusion from social groups, being made the subject of malicious rumors, sending abusive mail, and email and text messages (cyber bullying).
- **Cyber Bullying** - any type of bullying that is carried out by electronic medium. There are 7 types including:
 1. Text message bullying
 2. Picture/video clip bullying via mobile phone cameras
 3. Phone call bullying via mobile phones
 4. E-mail bullying
 5. Chat-room bullying
 6. Bullying through instant messaging (IM)
 7. Bullying via websites

RESULTS OF BULLYING

- Thirty percent (30%) of U.S. students in grades six through ten are involved in moderate or frequent bullying — as bullies, as victims, or as both — according to the results of the first national school bullying statistics and cyber bullying statistics survey on this subject.

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- School bullying statistics and cyber bullying statistics are increasingly viewed as an important contributor to youth violence, including homicide and suicide. Case studies of the shooting at Columbine High School and other U.S. schools have suggested that bullying was a factor in many of the incidents.
- Students who habitually bully miss the opportunity to learn an alternative to aggression. Research tells us that they often develop a habitual tendency to abuse power and are increasingly shunned as they reach the higher grades.
- Approximately 25 percent of school bullies will be convicted of a criminal offense in their adult years.
- Students on the sidelines (the “bystanders”) commonly report extreme discomfort at witnessing bullying, but say that they do not know how to prevent it. Many are silenced by their fear that they will be the next target of bullying if they dare to speak out. Often they grow up believing that they are powerless to stop abusive behaviors in others.
- 1 out of 4 kids is bullied.
- 77% of students are bullied mentally, verbally, & physically. Cyber bullying statistics are rapidly approaching similar numbers.
- 14% of those who were bullied said they experienced severe (bad) reactions to the abuse.
- 1 out of 5 admits to being a bully, or doing some “Bullying.”
- Each day 160,000 students miss school for fear of being bullied
- A school bullying statistics reveals that 43% fear harassment in the bathroom at school.
- 100,000 students carry a gun to school.
- 28% of youths who carry weapons have witnessed violence at home.
- A poll of teens ages 12-17 proved that they think violence increased at their schools.
- 282,000 students are physically attacked in secondary schools each month.
- More youth violence occurs on school grounds as opposed to on the way to school.
- Every 7 minutes a child is bullied. Adult intervention - 4%. Peer intervention - 11%. No intervention - 85%.

<http://www.how-to-stop-bullying.com/bullyingstatistics.html>

http://www.makebeatsnotbeatdowns.org/facts_new.html

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BULLY RELATED SUICIDE

Suicide remains among the leading causes of death of children under 14. And in most cases, the young people die from hanging. (AAS)

A new review of studies from 13 countries found signs of an apparent connection between bullying, being bullied, and suicide. (Yale School of Medicine)

Suicide rates among children between the ages of 10 & 14 are very low, but are "creeping up." (Ann Haas, Director of the Suicide Prevention Project at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention)

The suicide rate among young male adults in Massachusetts rose 28 percent in 2007. However, that does not reflect deaths among teenagers and students Carl's age. (Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health, in a report released April 8, 2009)

- Since 2002, at least 15 schoolchildren ages 11 to 14 have committed suicide in Massachusetts. Three of them were Carl's age. ("Constantly Bullied, He Ends His Life at Age 11," by Milton J. Valencia. The Boston Globe, April 20, 2009)
- Suicide rates among 10 to 14-year-olds have grown more than 50 percent over the last three decades. (The American Association of Suicidology, AAS)
- In 2005 (the last year nationwide stats were available), 270 children in the 10-14 age group killed themselves. (AAS)

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