

# Target: Bullying

***What is bullying:*** Any intentional written, verbal or physical act that a student has exhibited towards another particular student (from Ohio Revised Code 3313.66, which requires all school districts to have an anti-harassment policy in place).

Unfortunately, the issue of bullying is real in all schools today, and our Elementary is no exception. While most students are doing their best to be respectful to others, we are beginning to see incidents of bullying on our playground, in our hallways, on busses and in the classrooms.

The students and I discuss bullying in the classrooms I visit. We share thoughts about how it happens, why it happens and how to respond appropriately if they are a victim or a witness. Most children grasp these concepts well and try to get help for victims of bullying. I know of some students who report bullying when they see it and may even discuss concerns with friends who have been involved in bullying behavior. This is all we can ask of the children-to be aware and to try to reduce or stop bullying in our schools.

What can families do to help? By communicating with your child about what happens at school and by encouraging positive relations with others, especially when conflicts or arguments occur. By demonstrating awareness of the problem, you are telling your children that you care about the climate of their school and about their well-being.

Please refer to the Margareta Elementary Student Handbook for more information, or contact the school.

For kids,  
Mrs. Wiley