



# WESTPARK SCHOOL ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

**Everyone at Westpark Elementary School is committed to making our school a safe and caring place for all students. We will treat each other with respect, and we will refuse to tolerate bullying in any form at our school.**

Our school defines *bullying* as follows:

**Bullying is unfair and one-sided. It happens when someone keeps hurting, frightening, threatening, or leaving someone out on purpose.**

Examples of bullying include:

- Hurting someone physically by hitting, kicking, tripping, pushing, and so on
- Stealing or damaging another person's things
- Ganging up on someone
- Teasing someone in a hurtful way
- Using put-downs, such as insulting someone's race or making fun of someone for being a boy/girl
- Touching or showing private body parts
- Spreading rumors about someone
- Leaving someone out on purpose or trying to get other kids not to play with someone

Staff will do the following things to prevent bullying and help children feel safe at school:

- Closely supervise students in all areas of the school and playground
- Watch for signs of bullying and stop it when it happens
- Respond quickly and sensitively to bullying reports
- Take seriously parents' concerns about bullying
- Assign consequences for bullying
- Provide immediate consequences for retaliation against students who report bullying
- Teach anti-bullying curriculum to all students grades K-6

Students at our school will do the following things to prevent bullying:

- Treat each other respectfully
- Refuse to bully others
- Refuse to let others be bullied
- Try to include everyone in play, especially those who are often left out
- Report bullying to an adult



**At Westpark:**

- ***All bullying behavior is reported***
- ***All bullying behavior has a consequence***
- ***Bullying behavior may result in a student suspension from school***