

Mohegan School- Safe Climate Plan

Bullying of a student by another student is prohibited. Such behavior is defined as any overt acts by a student or groups of students directed against another student with the intent to ridicule, harass, humiliate or intimidate while on school grounds, at a school sponsored activity, or on a school bus which acts are committed more than once against any student during the school year. Bullying which occurs outside of the school setting may be addressed by school officials if it has a direct and negative impact on a student's academic performance or safety in school. Such behavior will result in disciplinary action. Examples of bullying include, but are not limited to:

1. Physical violence and attacks.
2. Verbal taunts, name-calling and put-downs including ethnically-based or gender-based put-downs.
3. Threats and intimidation.
4. Extortion or stealing of money and/or possessions.
5. Exclusion from peer groups within schools.

Student and/or parent may file a written report of conduct they consider bullying. Students may also make an informal complaint of conduct that they consider to be bullying by verbal report to any staff member, who will promptly transfer the complaint to writing and forward it to the Building Principal for review and action.

Students and parents are permitted to make anonymous reports of bullying. Parent written reports and student anonymous reports will be investigated by the school administration but no disciplinary action shall be taken solely on the basis of an anonymous report.

Districts pupil services personnel and administrators are responsible for taking a bullying report and investigating the complaint. Parents of students involved in a verified act of bullying will be invited to attend at least one meeting at school.

Prevention and Intervention-

The elimination of bullying behavior is addressed on a school-wide level through both behavioral expectation instruction and social/emotional learning. Mohegan Elementary School utilizes a mindfulness curriculum that addresses the understanding and expression of emotions, conflict resolution, and self-advocacy, including identifying trusted adults. PBIS and Mind Up programs are incorporated at every grade level. In 2020/2021, Mohegan will incorporate the RULER social emotional program.