

Bullying is repeated negative behavior toward a less powerful person or persons.

- Is often carried out repeatedly and characterized by an imbalance of power;
- Inflicts physical hurt or psychological distress onto a person through unwanted, purposeful written, verbal, nonverbal or physical behavior.
- May include any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture that has the potential to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment;
- May cause long term damage, discomfort or humiliation;
- May unreasonably interfere with the individual's performance or participation in school.

Teasing vs. Bullying

TEASING:

- Usually involves 2 or more friends who act together in a way that seems fun to everyone involved;
- NEVER involves social or emotional abuse;

BULLYING:

- Saying mean or hurtful things, making fun or calling mean names;
- Ignoring or excluding on purpose;
- Hitting, kicking, pushing;
- Telling lies or spreading rumors;
- Trying to make others dislike someone.

If you see someone bullying, recognize it and act!

What to do if you're bullied?

- Report any acts of bullying behaviors immediately;
- Tell a trusted adult– a parent, a counselor, an SRO or a teacher;
- Place names or concerns in the Bully Box (located in the guidance office);
- Email the **[Bullying Stops Here](mailto:KYLE_MILLER@CHARLESTON.K12.SC.US)** tipline found on the WAHS homepage :
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