



## TIPS FOR EDUCATORS

# BULLYING PREVENTION

Bullying can occur in different ways through in person interactions and/or behind screens. Engaging in conversation around bullying with your students and encouraging anti-bullying behavior in your classroom are critical steps to creating an inclusive and productive environment.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- **1 in 5 students (21%)** report being bullied during the school year, impacting over 5 million youth annually (National Center for Education Statistics)
- **64% of bullied students** suffer in silence (Stopbullying.gov).
- **75% of school shooting** incidents had bullying and harassment as the main motivation behind the violence (National Center for Education Statistics).

### **RESOURCES:**

- Stopbullying.gov
- Davidslegacy.org
- Crime Stoppers Tip Line: 713-222-TIPS (8477)
- Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255 or text 741741

### **BEST PRACTICES:**

- **Recognize the effects of bullying and cyberbullying:**
  - Bullying effects students physically, psychologically, academically, and socially.
  - Be aware that mobile devices offer students the ability to communicate 24/7 which can enable persistent cyberbullying.
  - It is sometimes difficult to spot students who are being bullied or cyberbullied, but here are some key indicators: isolation, increased moodiness, sudden loss of interest, personality change, struggling to engage in classroom activity, etc.
- **Inform students of the consequences associated with bullying:**
  - Students can receive administrative discipline that can result in suspension, expulsion, or transfer to an alternative school.
  - David's Law makes cyberbullying a punishable offense. Learn more at [davidslegacy.org](http://davidslegacy.org).
- **Encourage students to use their voice if anyone or anything makes them feel uncomfortable:**
  - Students see and hear things before adults do.
  - Urge students to stand up for those who are being bullied, including themselves.
  - Empower students to anonymously report bullying to Crime Stoppers.
- **Believe students if they disclose being a victim of bullying. Here are some helpful statements to use when a student discloses bullying incidents:**
  - "That must have been difficult, thank you for telling me."
  - "You are brave to come forward, let us figure out what the next step will be."



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***HOW TO REPORT A TIP***



**Call 713.222.TIPS (8477)**



**Use our Mobile App**

Application name: Crime Stoppers Houston



**Go to [crime-stoppers.org](http://crime-stoppers.org)**

***HERE'S HOW IT WORKS***



**STEP 1**

Submit an anonymous tip



**STEP 2**

Your tip leads to an arrest or disciplinary action



**STEP 3**

Receive a cash reward  
(up to \$5,000)