

Dignity for All Students - Anti-Bullying Information and Resources
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FEUFSD believes that all students deserve and have the right to be educated in a safe, nurturing, and supportive school environment that accepts them for who they are.

New York State Dignity for All Students Act
New law effective July 1, 2012

The goal of the Dignity for All Students Act (DASA), which took effect July 1, is to provide students with a safe, supportive educational environment that is free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment and bullying. Some of the law requirements include updating and/or establishing anti-harassment and discrimination policies and regulations, creating school training programs and incorporating or embedding civility, citizenship and character education into the curriculum for every grade level.

Fort Edward School already meets the DASA standards in many respects. From in-school character education sessions led by teachers and counselors to after school clubs, students at all grade levels are exposed to the ideas of tolerance, compassion and respect.

Resources for Parents

What is Bullying? A government website titled [Stop Bullying Now](#) defines it as:

Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over.

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumors about people
- Keeping certain people out of a "group"
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to "gang up" on others

Bullying also can happen online or electronically. **Cyberbullying** is when children or teens bully each other using the Internet, mobile phones or other cyber technology. This can include:

- Sending mean text, email, or instant messages
- Posting nasty pictures or messages about others in blogs or on Web sites
- Using someone else's user name to spread rumors or lies about someone

General Resources about Bullying:

- [Ten Actions ALL Parents Can Take to Help Eliminate Bullying](#)
- [Five Actions Parents Can Take If Their Child Has Been Involved in Bullying](#)
- [education.com - Bullying at school and online](#)
- [Stop Bullying Now!](#)
- [Medline Plus - Bullying](#)

- [Teens Health - Dealing With Bullying](#)
- [Teaching Tolerance](#)
- [Anti Bullying Network](#)
- [Net Cetera: Chatting with Kids About Being Online](#)
- [On Guard Online - Learn the Terms](#)

Resources about Cyberbullying:

- [Stop Bullying Now! - Cyberbullying](#)
- [Cell Phone Safety - Top Ten Tips for Teens](#)
- [Password Safety - Top Ten Tips for Teens](#)
- [Ryan's Story - In Memory of Ryan Patrick Halligan 1989-2003](#)
- [Ryan's Story - Resources](#)
- [National Crime Prevention Council - Cyberbullying](#)
- [iSafe - Beware of the Cyber Bully](#)