



Morningside
Elementary School



MES Parent University

Supporting a Culture of Kindness & Navigating Peer Conflict as an APS Elementary Parent

Definition of Bullying

Georgia defines bullying as “any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, which a reasonable person would perceive as being intended to threaten, harass, or intimidate, that:

Causes another person substantial physical harm within the meaning of Code Section 16-5-23.1

or visible bodily harm as such term is defined in Code Section 16-5-23.1.”

APS Bullying Policy

- District mandated approach
- Elementary level approach
- Steps of escalation
- Turnaround time
- Various forms of consequences



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Counseling Role

- The counseling department's role in combating bullying
- Role of counselor to address bullying allegations
- Misconceptions of the school counselor's role as it pertains to bullying allegations.



Identifying & Responding to Bullying

1. The definition of Bullying
2. Understanding the differences between joking,teasing/ roasting,bullying, an exchange of power.
3. If your child is bullying
4. If your child is being bullied

How can parents help schools put a stop to bullying?

- Report the facts of what happened to the adult who was responsible for supervision when the bullying occurred
- Ask them what the next steps at school will be
- Roleplay with your child what they should do if the behavior occurs again
- If bullying occurred online, set boundaries with technology



See Something, Say Something

- Who can report
 - Chain of command
 - Turnaround Time
 - No 3rd party, direct reporting
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- Directly accessible from the MES Website Homepage scroller OR in the A-Z index under “B” for Bullying



Bullying reporting process at MES

- Inform your student's teacher of the incident(s)
- The homeroom teacher will review the information provided to see if they have additional information pertaining to the allegation(s).
- The homeroom teacher then forwards the allegation(s) to the administrator assigned to the grade.
- The administrator reviews the allegation(s), speaks to all parties involved, investigates the matter, and concludes on the outcome of the investigation.
- Upon the conclusion of the investigation the school counselor is notified of the matter and speaks to the necessary parties that require counseling.





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