

Warning Signs Indicating Possible Bullying Behavior

Please check each of the following indicators for the student who you suspect may be bullying others. Students who are displaying these warning signs may be engaging in bullying behavior (although these can be signs of other concerns as well). Students who are experiencing one or more of these signs or symptoms should be referred to an appropriate adult at school (school counselor, principal, school behavior specialist) to determine if they are bullying and if disciplinary consequences are necessary.

Characteristics

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student enjoys feeling more powerful than others | <input type="checkbox"/> Student enjoys conflicts | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is mainly concerned with own pleasure and well-being |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student enjoys controlling others | <input type="checkbox"/> Student displays little emotion when discussing own part in conflict | <input type="checkbox"/> Student has antisocial traits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is dominating over peers | <input type="checkbox"/> Student blames others for problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Student lacks social skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student manipulates peers | <input type="checkbox"/> Student refuses to accept personal responsibility for negative behaviors | <input type="checkbox"/> Student has difficulty fitting into groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is popular | <input type="checkbox"/> Student shows little remorse for negative behaviors | <input type="checkbox"/> Student has group of friends that he/she is able to control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is physically stronger/larger than peers | <input type="checkbox"/> Student lies to avoid consequences for actions | <input type="checkbox"/> Student has group of friends that he/she is able to get them to do what he/she desires |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is impulsive | <input type="checkbox"/> Student attacks others before they can attack him/her | <input type="checkbox"/> Student has problems at school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is competitive | <input type="checkbox"/> Student interprets others' actions as hostile | <input type="checkbox"/> Student has problems at home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is a poor loser | <input type="checkbox"/> Student tests authority by pushing the limits | <input type="checkbox"/> Student has poor coping skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is arrogant and/or boastful | <input type="checkbox"/> Student disregards school rules and class rules | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is hot-headed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student derives satisfaction from others' discomfort, pain, or fear | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is defiant and oppositional toward authority figures | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is easily frustrated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student equates "respect" with fear | <input type="checkbox"/> Student seeks out attention | <input type="checkbox"/> Student's view of violence is positive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student has little empathy for others | <input type="checkbox"/> Student enjoys negative attention just as much as positive attention | <input type="checkbox"/> Student gets into frequent fights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student has little compassion for others | <input type="checkbox"/> Student attracts negative attention from others | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is sometimes injured in fights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is unable/unwilling to see things from another person's perspective | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is street smart; has strong self-esteem | <input type="checkbox"/> Student vandalizes property |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student defends own actions by insisting it was the other person's fault | | <input type="checkbox"/> Student uses alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student is good at hiding negative behaviors so adults will not notice them | | <input type="checkbox"/> Student is truant from school |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Student carries a weapon |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Student drops out of school |