# Bullying Prevention: Identifying Bullying and Harassment

Grade 11





American School
Counseling Association
Standards: Mindsets
and Behaviors for
Beha

ASCA Standard: Social Skills

Behavior: BSS 10 Cultural awareness, sensitivity and responsiveness

Learning

Objectives



Students will be able to identify and explain 3–5 key dimensions of identity (such as race, gender, culture, and ability) and understand how these aspects shape who we are.

Student Success

Students will be able to explain how being part of a group—and feeling safe to show that identity—can affect how

someone learns.

Students will be able to explain the difference between conscious and unconscious bias, and define what bigotry means.

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Students will script a public service announcement that provides information and motivation to act around taking anti-bullying.

Students will identify individuals who can offer support around being perpetrator, victim, or witness of bullying.

Student Success

Students will be able to explain the impact of bullying.

Students will understand the power of their voice by exploring how bullying and hate speech are connected, and how hate speech can contribute to serious global issues, including genocide.

# Pre-Test

## How does being bullied affect someone?

#### **Isolation**

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# Anxiety & Depression

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#### **Low Self-Esteem**

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# Self Harm & Suicide

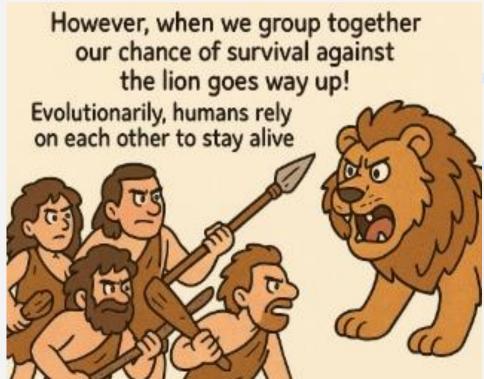
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# **Key Information:**

Why are humans drawn toward identification with groups of other humans?

Historically, humans are not the fastest or strongest creatures Alone against a predator such as a lion or a bear, a human had very little chance of survival.



The community you connect with and how you feel about yourself makes up your **identity**.

Your personal identity consists of all the things that make you, you!



# Components of

### **Cultural identity**

A part of a person's self-perception related to their belonging to any kind of social group that has its own distinct culture.



#### Personal interests

Optional activities that you choose to engage in based on interests.



#### Personal values

A set of guiding principles that govern how you act and how you evaluate the word around you.



Gender identity refers to how a person understands, experiences, and expresses their own gender.



The capacity or means to do something.



#### **Unconscious Bias**



An unknown
automatic prejudice in
favor or against
something. Can be
harmless or harmful
depending on the
prejudice.

#### Conscious Bias



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#### Bigotry



When a person is aware of a bias that is harmful to a group of people and chooses to engage and perpetuate that bias, that is bigotry.

- Others may have biases about the parts of your identity that are visible to them.
- We all have biases.
- A bias can be unconscious, or conscious.
- A conscious bias that belittles a group of people is called bigotry.

#### Everyone has biases.

When we become aware of harmful biases it is our responsibility to try to correct them so they don't become bigotry.

Bigotry often comes from individuals who have insecurities about parts of

their own identities.



Though we all have biases we need to address, there is NO excuse for bigotry. Once we understand our conscious and unconscious biases, we can take the necessary steps to ensure that we treat everyone with respect and fairness.

# What does your Student Code of Conduct Say?

Arlington Public Schools is committed to creating a safe, caring, respectful learning environment for all students.

\*Bullying includes cyberbullying.

- Intentional, planned, and repetitive aggressive behavior designed to inflict harm
- Interpersonal relationship marked by an imbalance of power

#### DISCRIMINATION

- Treating someone unequally based on a certain characteristic in a way that interferes with a person's education and/or academic performance.
- Discrimination based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, age, marital status, genetic information, national origin, mental or physical disability, or protected veteran status is illegal.



# What does your Student Code of Conduct

## Say?

#### **DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT**

- Verbal, physical, written, graphic, or electronic conduct that disparages or showing hostility toward an individual or group of individuals based on a person's race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender orientation or gender expression, age, genetic information, national origin or mental or physical disability and is strictly prohibited.
- creates an intimidating or offensive learning environment that interferes with a student's education and/or academic performance.

#### TITLE IX

• An educational amendment of 1972, it is a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in educational institutions that receive federal dollars.



## What does your Student Code of Conduct

#### Say STUDENT GENDER IDENTITY NON-DISCRIMINATION

All staff members and students must recognize and respect matters of gender identity including students who identify as transgender or gender nonconforming, so that students feel comfortable expressing their gender identity.

#### USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is a powerful platform for engaging students and including them in conversations that affect their ability to thrive in school and life. When using social media to interact with Arlington public schools, students are expected to:

- Be polite;
- Refrain from using profanity and racial or ethnic slurs;
- Remain respectful;
- Only tag news on tweets which contain appropriate messaging;

- Remember that once a message is online, it can't be taken back;
- Only represent themselves when messaging; and
- Remain truthful in their messaging.

# 4 Types of BULLYING



Hitting, kicking, slapping, pinching, spitting, tripping, pushing, blocking

Stealing or destroying someone's possessions

Making mean or rude hand gestures

Touching in unwanted & inappropriate ways



Name calling

Insults

**Teasing** 

Intimidation

Homophobic or racist remarks

Inappropriate sexual comments

**Taunting** 

Threatening to cause harm



Lying & spreading rumors

Leaving someone out on purpose

Telling others not to be friends with someone

Embarrassing someone in public

Damaging someone's social reputation or relationships



Posting/sending hurtful texts emails or posts, images or videos

**Making online threats** 

Imitating others online or using their log-in

Deliberately excluding others online

Spreading nasty gossip or rumors



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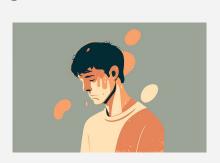
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# Scenarios

On the next slides you will see fictional scenarios where people's identities are being questioned or discussed in insensitive ways. These situations are based on harmful and untrue stereotypes and should not be repeated towards other individuals.

If you are uncomfortable listening to a scenario please take a break by laying your head down or going to get some water.

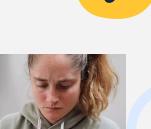
## **Scenarios**

While sending photos to her groupchat,
Jade accidentally attached a naked
picture. Her friends promised to delete it,
but later William threatened to release the
photo if she doesn't do his homework for a
week.

#### Discuss with your group:

- 1. How do you address the situation?
- 2. What are the consequences for those involved?
- 3. How can you be an upstander and support your friend?







## **Scenarios**

Brian recently came out as bisexual. After soccer practice, he noticed his teammates looking at him and laughing. Later, he was sent a screenshot that showed him photoshopped into a skirt and heels with a derogatory caption. Brian decided to skip the team dinner and go home early. He came to you crying and considering quitting the team.



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# Consequences of Bullying

- Administrative Referral
- Detention or Suspension
- Losing Friends
- Exclusion
- Grades dropping
- Lower self-esteem







# Report Bullying

If you are concerned, report it!

- Reach out to your administrator
- Speak to your counselor
- Use the QR Code to report:





# Safety

#### What if you feel unsafe calling out a bully?

- Don't approach or engage if you feel unsafe
- Tell a trusted adult
  - Your teachers, counselors, social workers are here to support you. Reach out!



