

BEAVER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
STOP  **P**
BULLYING
STAND UP! SPEAK OUT!

WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged youth that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

In order to be considered bullying, the behavior must be aggressive and include:

An Imbalance of Power: Kids who bully use their power-- such as physical strength, access to embarrassing information, or popularity -- to control or harm others. Power imbalances can change over time and in different situations, even if they involve the same people.

Repetition: Bullying behaviors happen more than once or have the potential to happen more than once.

WHAT IS THE PA SAFE2SAY PROGRAM?

Safe2Say is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” before it is too late.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE?

- StopBullying.gov**
Bullying Awareness & Prevention
- PACER.org**
National Bullying Prevention
- Safekids.com**
Digital Citizenship & Online Safety
- ConnectSafely.org**
Safety tips & Parent Guidebooks
- Tolerance.org**
Diversity & Democracy
- CommonSenseMedia.org**
Reviews, Advice, & Tools
- ADL.org**
Justice and Fair Treatment for All

WHAT ARE THE WAYS TO FILE A TIP ABOUT BULLYING?

It is quick, easy, and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

Reporting Steps

- #1** Submit an anonymous tip report through the Safe2Say system
- #2** Crisis center reviews, assesses, and processes all submissions
- #3** Crisis center sends all submissions to school administration and/or law enforcement for intervention.

Call the tipline
1-800-SAF2SAY

Use the website:
www.Safe2Say.pa.org

Download the Safe2SayPA App



BASD Building Initiatives to Offer Opportunities and Improve Environment

P.A.W.S. Character Education - PAWS is part of our Positive Behavior Support Plan for Bobcats in grades K-6. It is designed to foster an atmosphere of respect and dignity among students, staff, and our community.

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Day of Giving - A day before Thanksgiving dedicated to our students giving back to their school & community through self-assigned projects, including Foster Closet, Women's Shelter, Midland Center, Special Olympics, Rochester Manor, Beaver Meadows, the Children's Hospital, Beaver Cemetery, and more!

Participation in #UnitedDay - Each year, youth are encouraged to wear orange as a visible representation of the supportive, universal message that our society wants to prevent bullying, and is united for kindness, inclusion, and acceptance.

Student Assistance Program - SAP is a non-punitive approach to helping students cope with barriers influencing their academic success.

Pupil Focus - Helps to identify students struggling with social, emotional, or physical issues and provide the students and their families with school and community supports and resources.

Zero-Day AND Popsicles on the Playground - Days dedicated to helping students new to the district or to a building adjust to the new environment, meet their teachers, and begin to build friendships before the school year begins.

Parent Education Series - Including Cyber Trends Awareness, Suicide Awareness & Prevention, & Anxiety.

Student Perspective Surveys - Designed to help adults understand the various pressures and influences facing our teens & tweens.

Student of the Month and Silver Certificates - A monthly or annual award given to students exhibiting pro-social behaviors.

Positive Academics and Student Success (PASS) course -- A Middle School course focused on transition, social, and emotional issues.

School-Wide Positive Behavior Program (SWPBIS) and School Dojo - An incentive program to reward pro-social behavior

Peer Mediation - A Middle School program using Olweus principles to teach students strategies to resolve conflicts peacefully, as well as to take responsibility for mistakes and forgive themselves and others.

Growth Mindset Club AND Teen Leadership Corps - Two clubs dedicated to helping others and providing an inclusive school culture.

Positive Behavior and Support Plans, Multi-System of Support (MTSS) and CICO- Trauma, anxiety, and behavior intervention programming with Check-In and Check-Out protocols.

NFHS Bullying Course - Required coursework on Bullying for coaches.

BULLYING INFORMATION AND PREVENTION RESOURCES

You are not alone when it comes to standing up to bullying. There are several District and community organizations, initiatives, resources, and programs ready to help students and parents. Take a look at the list below or visit www.blah.blah.com to learn more.

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NetSmartzKids.org - Online Safety

BASD Committees and Outreach Clubs Shaping the School Environment

Teen Leadership Corps.

National Honor Society

Growth Mindset Club

Community & District Partnerships

The Prevention Network -- A service organization that develops and administers proactive programs to enhance and restore the holistic health of individuals and their communities, including the Student Assistance Program and Social Skills programming.

The Beaver County System of Care -- A group of organizations united to provide support to youth through case management, counseling, housing, mentoring, education, and more.

The Beaver County Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Agency - An agency that provides a system of care that is accessible, continuously available, and emphasizes health promotion, prevention, early intervention, resiliency, recovery, and rehabilitation.

The Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit - A regional service agency that provides innovative, responsive, and cost-effective programs to schools in cooperation with community agencies and other intermediate units.

The BVIU Training and Consultation Unit - A service group that helps to identify teaching, learning, or behavioral needs, barriers, and weaknesses by analyzing student data and participating in problem-solving sessions, including Functional Behavior Analysis, Positive Behavior Supports, and Educational Benefits Reviews.

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