

Parents Help Stop Sexual Harassment in School

6th - 8th grades

HELP PREVENT IT



Talk about harassment.

"Sexual harassment happens to students and adults. Do you know anyone who has been sexually harassed?"

"Sexual harassment is illegal. Do you know what to do if you are sexually harassed in school? Have you been sexually harassed?"

Keep talking. Ask about school.

"How was school today? Did you talk with your friends? Did anything funny or upsetting happen?"

Talk about the school policies against bullying, harassment & sexual harassment.

Teach your child to speak up. Have your child practice saying:

"I feel embarrassed and upset when you spread sexual rumors about me. Stop!"

"Mark keeps touching my butt and rubbing against me. I feel embarrassed and I want him to stop."

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Tell your child it is never her/his fault. Your child needs to hear that she/he did nothing wrong and did the right thing by telling you.

"I'm sorry that happened to you. It's not your fault and you did the right thing by talking with me."

"Sexual harassment is wrong and I will help because you shouldn't have to stop sexual harassment alone."

Believe and support your child.

"I believe you and I'm really sorry that happened. I'm really glad you told me."

Confront sexual harassing behaviors.

"Sexual harassment is not okay. What can we do to help you stop sexually harassing others at school?"

Get support.

Many parents feel hurt and confused to learn their child is being sexually harassed. It is okay to ask for more information or help from a school counselor, a therapist or PAAR.

A PAAR representative can talk with you, answer questions and send more information.

Points of Interest:

4 out of 5 students say they have experienced sexual harassment in school.

75% of boys & 52% of girls admit to sexually harassing others in school.

Bullying & Sexual harassment can involve verbal and written behaviors like name calling and spreading sexual rumors as well as physical behaviors like inappropriate touching.

Sexual harassment and other violence in schools creates a hostile environment for students, which can result in academic, emotional and physical problems.



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