

Parents Help Stop Sexual Harassment in School

K - 5th grades



HELP PREVENT IT

Talk about bullying & sexual harassment.

"Sometimes kids can feel upset and sad if someone teases them or touches them.

Does anyone at school bother or hurt you?"

"Sexual harassment happens a lot in school. Do you ever see sexual harassment in your school? Have you or any of your friends 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 & sexual harassment.

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

"I feel mad when you touch me. Stop."

"Josh won't stop hugging me. I asked him to stop but he won't listen."

HELP STOP IT

Tell your child it is never his/her fault. Your child needs to hear that he/she 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."

"A lot of people need help to stop bullying or sexual harassment. I'm glad you could talk with me and I will try to help."

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.

"Bullying/Sexual harassment is not okay. What can we do to help you stop bullying/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 the principal, teachers, school counselor/social worker or PAAR. A PAAR representative will 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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