

Advocate

a person who helps the target of bullying, harassment and discrimination by reporting, standing up for the target or seeking help from a teacher, school administrator or other school staff.

Bully/Perpetrator

person or group of people who intentionally and repeatedly harass, bully or discriminate against a person based on biases toward the person/group.

Bullying¹

generally involves the following characteristics:

- ✓ Imbalance of power
- ✓ Intent to cause harm
- ✓ Repetition

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http://www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact/documents/DignityforStudentsActGuidance_Posting.pdf

Bystander

someone who witnesses bullying,
harassment and discrimination.

Cyberbullying

use of the internet or other types of social networking sites, texting or communications with the intention of spreading lies, miss information or sharing photos that damage a person's reputation and are harmful to the person emotionally and socially.

Discrimination³

exclusion and negative treatment of individuals or groups of people based the real or perceived identity of an individual or group.

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<http://www.p12.nysed.gov>

Harassment²

does not have to include intent to harm,
be directed toward a specific target, or
involve repeated incidents.

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<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/letters/colleague-201010.pdf>

Resources:

1. Stopbullying.gov
2. SAMHSA (KnowBullying App)
3. CDC (Center for Disease Control & Prevention)
4. Nobullying.com
5. Stopbullyingnowfoundation.org
6. Stompoutbullying.org

School Climate

The culture and environment of the school that promotes learning, provides a safe environment and creates a positive environment for all students, teachers and staff.

Target/victim

an individual who is the intended person hurt by bullying, harassment or discrimination.