

# Bullying and Harassment

**BULLYING** is repeated, mean behavior where there is a **difference in power** (for example an older student or a group of students, or a situation where it is hard to speak up to the repeated mean behavior).

**HARASSMENT** is when someone is bullied because of something about them (for example, their skin color, being a boy or a girl, or how someone learns, behaves or expresses themselves).

## Examples & What to Do

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<b>Bullying</b>	An older student is mean to a younger student almost every day on the bus.	Tell an adult right away. Speak up to the person if you feel able to.
<b>Harassment</b>	A group of students are mean to another student every day because the student uses a wheelchair.	Tell an adult right away. Speak up to the person if you feel able to.
<b>Problem with Another Student</b>	Two students often argue over the rules of a game.	Use your problem-solving skills.
<b>Rude or Mean Behavior</b>	A student gets mad and calls another student a mean name.	Use your problem-solving skills.

- Most problems that happen between students are “small” problems that can be solved using problem-solving skills.
- If someone is being unsafe, including bullying or harassment, students should tell an adult right away.