



## Students learn best when they feel safe and supported.

At SCUSD the physical and social/emotional safety of students is a top priority. Research and media coverage alike have shown that bullying can be a real threat to student safety and academic success. In response, SCUSD has developed a comprehensive approach to preventing, addressing, and intervening in bully behavior, helping keep students safe and ensure a healthy learning environment.

### Vision

Our vision is to serve all students with compassion and care, ensuring families have equitable access to systems of support that promote hope, resilience, empowerment, physical and mental wellness, and educational success.



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## School Climate & Bullying Prevention



**Promoting learning by supporting the health and well-being of all students**

# School Climate, Bullying Prevention and Intervention Programs

## What is Bullying?

Bullying is a specific behavior that includes each of the following components:

- Intent to do harm
- Repeated over time
- Imbalance of power

Bullying is further defined by the Sacramento City Unified School District as: any severe or pervasive act committed by a single student or group of students, against one or more students, and that can be reasonably predicted to impact one or more of the following:

- reasonable fear of harm to person or property;
- substantially detrimental effect on physical or mental health;
- substantial interference with academic performance;
- substantial interference with the ability to participate or benefit from services, activities or privileges provided in school.

For more information and additional resources, visit: [scusd.edu/BullyFree](http://scusd.edu/BullyFree)

### School Climate Collaborative

The School Climate Collaborative includes community, government, nonprofit, and individual partners. The Collaborative reviews and discusses emerging best practices in positive school climate, bullying prevention and intervention, and supports this work in SCUSD schools.

### Outreach

Outreach includes getting the word out about positive school climate and bullying prevention by participating in community- and school-based rallies, assemblies and other gatherings.

### Education

Formal trainings, small groups, and other education forums help all members of the SCUSD community understand the definition, impact, reporting procedures, and effective interventions around bullying and positive school climate.

### Consultation and Mediation

We provide preventative, intervention, and postvention support to school staff, administrators, parents and guardians.

## Reporting

Anyone who witnesses or suspects bullying behavior has the power to help stop it, by reporting!

Reports may be made using one of the following two processes:

- 1. Report Form and Administrator Contact:** Visit our website at [scusd.edu/BullyFree](http://scusd.edu/BullyFree), and download the “Report of Suspected Bullying” form. Complete the form and deliver to the school administrator (principal).
- 2. WeTIP System:** Call 1-855-86-BULLY to report by phone anonymously.

All reports may be made anonymously. Reporters who choose to share their name may be contacted for additional information, but their identity will remain strictly confidential.

**If you see something, say something. Be an UPstander!**

Research shows that bystanders can stop bullying within 10 seconds of intervening — so, what are you waiting for? Be the change!