

## What are some positive methods of dealing with bullying?

As seen from the highly publicized controversy surrounding the media's recent attempt at an anti-bullying documentary, "Bully," the once hushed issue of bullying is now receiving world-wide attention. For those who find it hard to tell anybody about the taunting and even physical violence they endure at school, the focus on bullying could bring relief. Students and adults alike have been trying to eliminate the problem from school campuses and promote a peaceful atmosphere. These are suggestions from Nancy Padilla's junior English classes on how to deal with the problem, as well as possibilities for what motivates a bully.

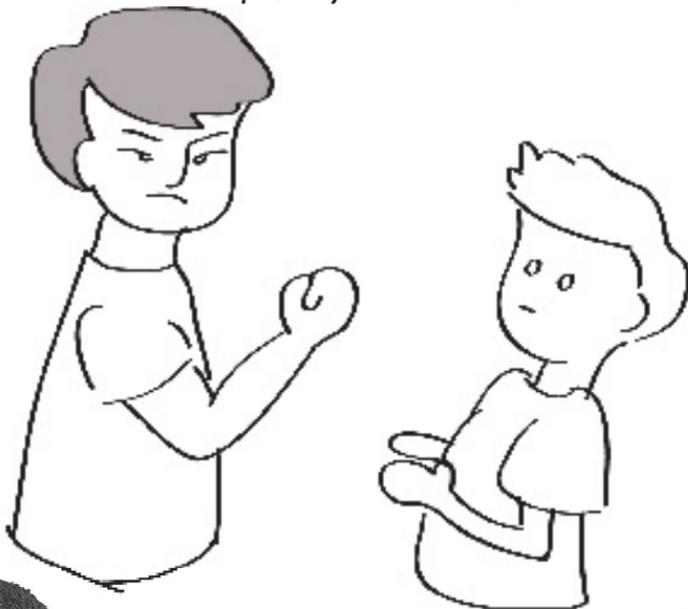


"If a student sees a kid getting bullied, they should tell an administrator or campus supervisor about the incident ASAP. The first step would be to give a warning, which would also be to give detention. The second step would be suspension because they shouldn't be there more than once and then the third one would be expulsion."

- Daniel Virgen, Eddie Herrera, Selena Yip, Alexa Mojica

"Have a group meeting once a month or whatever works for you, maybe once a week, and meet up with the bully who has been giving you problems and explain to them how you feel. An adult will be supervising this so nothing bad can happen to the victim. Because you are telling them how they feel, it is a weight lifted off your shoulders. Also the bully will picture themselves in your shoes and understand what you've been through."

- Samantha Piedra, Victor Chapa, Krystal Moreno, Marlene Medina



"A bully doesn't act by himself. He bullies when he has friends around him. They bully so they don't get bullied themselves. I would want to get them mental help and have them talk to someone that they're close to."

- David Tan and Kevin Kao (pictured), Jason Villay, Anthony Perez, Tommy Kam, Ian Tran



"[Bullying] is not noticeable because it can happen anywhere [...like in the] boys' restroom or anywhere outside of the administration's view. Through the survey the administration could know how difficult it is and everybody will have an idea of how big of a problem it is. We must create a survey and give it to every student attending Alhambra High School. The survey will include questions on how often a student gets bullied every month or week. After we determine how much bullying there is on the campus, we will have an idea of the level of bullying that is occurring on the campus. Then the three strike rule [will] be applied to all bullies."

- Esmeralda Flores, Katherine Cabrera, Maria Becerra, Oscar Gaytan (pictured)

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