

What is Bullying? Survey Results

Here are the results of our survey, **What is Bullying**. A third of our responses were from grade 4 - 8 students, and two thirds were from community members. It is clear from the responses that there are a few specific areas to address in educating students and community members regarding the definition of bullying. Following are the questions, answers and percentages of correct answers. For more complete explanation, please go to our website to see three articles posted about bullying.

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| 1. Bullying always involves someone getting hurt physically. | NO | 90% correct |
| 2. <i>Bullying involves an intent to harm.</i> | YES | 80% correct |
| 3. <i>Bullying is repeated behaviour.</i> | YES | 82% correct |
| 4. <i>Bullying can be accidental.</i> | NO | 68% correct |
| 5. Bullying don't mean to hurt people - it just happens. | NO | 90% correct |
| 6. Bullies often go after other bullies. | NO | 90% correct |
| 7. Bullying behaviour can include the threat of hurting someone. | YES | 94% correct |
| 8. Bullying can be on the internet, classroom, and playground. | YES | 96% correct |
| 9. Bullying is a deliberate form of aggression. | YES | 86% correct |
| 10. <i>Bullies don't always realize they are hurting someone.</i> | NO | 52% correct |

The bolded areas above clearly indicate the sections of the bullying definition requiring specific, targeted information. Our School Improvement Plan Smart Goal was to have 80% of our students able to articulate the definition of a bully / bullying behaviour by Dec., 2009. We will continue to focus on the areas above to improve our understanding of bullying and develop school-wide approaches to reducing bullying at our school.

