

Middle School

Bullying Session

This past Monday, I hosted a Google Meet session for Middle School families around bullying. The purpose was to share the definition of bullying and the four types of bullying. Second, I wanted to make participants aware of the Ignite MS Scholar Conflict Form and support personnel in the school who are on hand to support scholars and you as family members. I sent out those resources, including a link to our school's Anti-Bullying Policy. I concluded by offering parents a partnership so that together we can prevent bullying by communicating with one another. Pay attention to any changes you notice in your child. Reach out to teachers, who have the most direct impact on your child while at school and talk with your child every day not just about academics, but their peer relationships and their social-emotional wellness. When we know more, we can do more. When we know better, we can do better together. We cannot underestimate these formative years in Middle School where scholars are getting to know themselves and the world around them, who they can trust, who their friends are and who they aren't. They are taking risks intellectually and outwardly. Things that happen can affect our scholars in myriad ways. We want those experiences more positive than negative.

DEFINITION

Bullying is defined as aggressive behavior that involved a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time.

Types of Bullying

- Verbal bullying
- Social bullying
- Physical bullying
- Cyber bullying



In case you could not attend, that presentation is [HERE](#)

Scholar Support Form

In the presentation above, you will find links to our Scholar Support Form that your child can complete anytime, anywhere regarding conflicts of bullying either they witnessed or were a part of as a victim, and you will also find a link to our school's Anti-Bullying Policy.

Supports At Ignite Middle School & Parent Tips

- **Scholar Conflict Form** anytime/anywhere access: Automatic notification to Mrs. Sharin, MS Principal
- **Mr. Wasfi**, Arabic/English speaking Scholar Support Supervisor w.raslan@igniteschool.ae
- **Ms. Crystal**, School Counselor, c.dixon@igniteschool.ae scholar support for social-emotional, peer relationships, individual needs and academics
- **Ms. Sharin, Ignite MS Principal**, receives immediate notification when a scholar conflict form is completed and submitted
- **ALL Teachers and Staff**, who can report and deliver the messages to the appropriate personnel

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Talk with your child **every day** about academics and their social/emotional lives.

Encourage your child to talk with us first. If it is coming from you, we don't have the whole picture, and often parents call it bullying when it may not be bullying.

We will investigate after speaking with the child. Investigations take TIME!

Encourage son/daughter to write down as much as possible after talking about the conflict or bullying and put on the Scholar Conflict Form

Contact Me or Our PTA

I'd like to host more parent sessions by grade level in the future. If there is something that you wish to discuss, including ideas you have to make our school better,, please email me or contact one of our Parent Association representatives.

On behalf of the Ignite Middle School team, we wish your family a safe, restful winter break. When we come back, we will see you again for parent teacher conferences and to kick off the second semester of learning and scholar activities.

