

# School Pledge Against Bullying

**Time needed:** 40 minutes

**Recommended Level:** Grade 5-8

**Categories:** Awareness, Bystanders, Empowering

**Common Core Standard(s):** Writing to convey information, Speaking & Listening

**Purpose:** Students will create a school-wide bully-free pledge to help foster a positive school climate.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Discuss examples of bullying that occur within the school day.

Discuss locations within the building in which bullying can and does occur.

Discuss why it is important to take a stand against bullying.

## **ACTIVITY:**

Students work together as a class to create an anti-bullying pledge during homeroom. (You could have each student create his or her own pledge, but only one pledge would be submitted per homeroom.)

In homeroom, students would have the opportunity to read the other pledges submitted and vote for the pledge they like best for their grade level.

Once a pledge is selected for each grade level, students would then vote on the top three to select one pledge for the entire school.

For students who struggle to write a pledge, you could brainstorm positive words that could be used as an acronym. For example: STARS: Students Taking A Responsible Stand.

## **FOLLOW-UP:**

Once a pledge is selected, cite the pledge every morning school wide after the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.



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Respect & Tolerance

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