



BULLYING STATISTICS

What's the risk of being bullied at school?

- Bullying begins in elementary school, peaks in middle school and falls off in high school. It does not, however, disappear altogether (The Facts about Bullying, 1997)
- 61.6% of students who are bullied are picked on because of their looks or speech (U.S. News & World Report, May 7, 2001)
- Of the students who are bullied, 55.6% report being hit, slapped, or pushed (U.S. News & World Report, May 7, 2001)
- In a 1994 survey, it was reported that 22% of all teenaged students had been in a fight in the past year; 34% of those fighting were boys while only 11% were girls (Harvard School of Public Health)

How do students react to bullying?

- Up to 7% of eighth grade students stay home at least once a month because of bullies (www.bullybeware.com)
- In a 1993 survey of students in grades 6-12, 50% knew someone who switched schools in order to feel safer (National School Safety Center)
- More than 43 % of middle school and high school students avoid using school bathrooms for fear of being harassed or assaulted (Mothering, May/June 2001)
- One in fifteen students said they avoided certain places at school because they feared being attacked (Harvard School of Public Health)
- Only 25% of students report that teachers intervene in bullying situations, while 71% of teachers believe they always intervene (www.bullybeware.com)
- When asked, students uniformly expressed the desire that teachers intervene rather than ignore teasing and bullying (Maine Project against Bullying)
- By age 24, 60% of identified bullies have a criminal conviction (www.bullybeware.com)