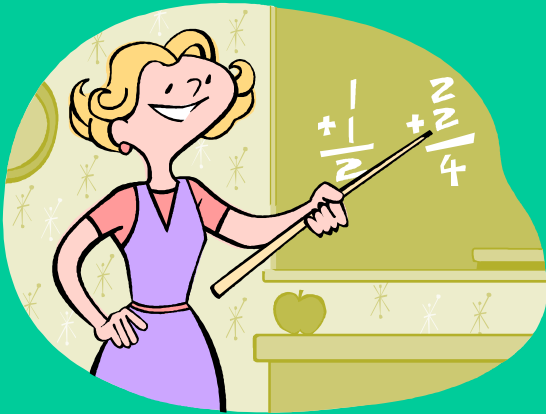


# Teacher Attitudes Towards Bullying



# Some Major Findings

- Teachers/principals underestimate the amount of bullying that takes place.
- Too many are reluctant to get involved when they do see it.
- Teachers don't take students seriously when bullying is reported.
- Kids believe that teachers think it is ok to behave this way.
- Some bullying comes from teachers who use sarcasm.

Kids would say, “I know I’m not supposed to feel bad because it’s only a joke. But I do; I hate it.”

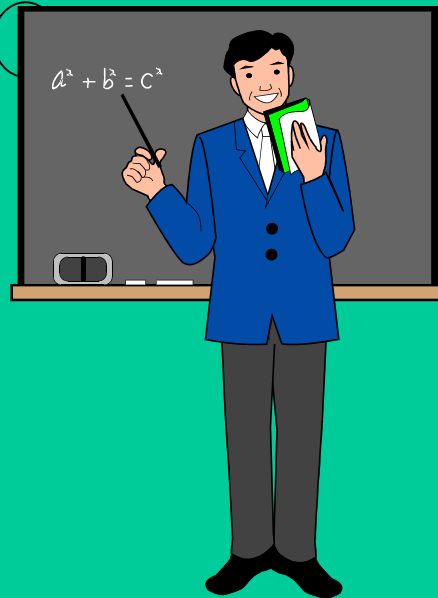
# More Findings

- Teachers and administrators mostly want kids to not make waves.
- Teachers and parents tell them to ignore the bullies.
- Many times the victim is the only one to suffer...nothing changes for the bullies.

Excerpted from *Is School violence the fault of outcasts or their tormentors?* By Dr. Helen Smith, April 1999, Nando Times

# What Schools Can Do About Bullying

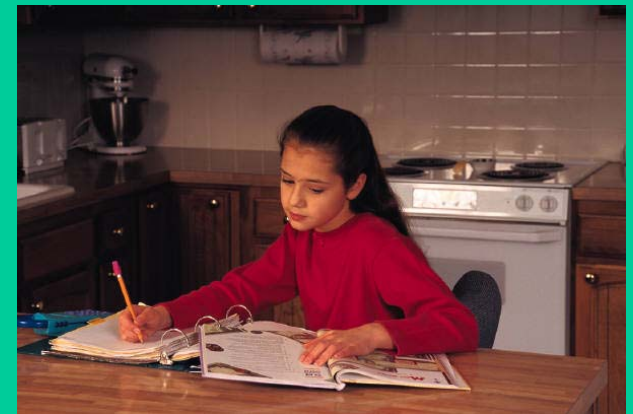
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- ☒ Express disapproval of bullying when it occurs.
- ☒ Listen sympathetically.
- ☒ Encourage cooperative learning in the classroom.
- ☒ Talk with groups of students about bullying.

# Positive school climate is significant in building resilience against violence and related behaviors.

- Focus on academic achievement
- Involve families
- Develop links to community
- Emphasize positive relationships
- Discuss safety issues openly
- Treat students with equal respect
- Create ways for students to share concerns
- Help children feel safe in expressing their feelings
- Have a system of referring students
- Offer extended day programs
- Promote good citizenship and character
- Identify problems/solutions
- Support students in making transitions



# Tattling vs. Telling

## A Tattle is When Someone:

- ✓ Is trying to get attention for himself or herself.
- ✓ Is trying to get someone else in trouble.
- ✓ Is trying to get his or her own way.
- ✓ Can handle the problem by him or herself



# A Telling is When Someone:

- ✓ Is trying to get help for a psychologically or physically harmful or dangerous situation.
- ✓ Is trying to get help for a scary happening or if someone needs protection.
- ✓ Needs help from an adult to solve the problem.
- ✓ Is trying to keep people safe.

