



Ranch Creek Elementary's Bullying Prevention Plan

Creating a learning environment where every child feels safe is the top priority for the staff at Ranch Creek Elementary School. One of the most important safety measures in schools today is the prevention of bullying behaviors between students. Every school in Colorado is required to have a Bullying Prevention Plan. At Ranch Creek Elementary School, bullying is not tolerated. Our school administrators, Mrs. Paulson, Principal, and Mrs. Clough, Assistant Principal, and our school counselor, Ms. Threet, are actively involved in teaching about bullying behaviors.

Discussions include age-appropriate talk about how to prevent, recognize, and respond to bullying behaviors. Students are taught strategies and language to use if they are bullied, or if they are bystanders who witness bullying. Bullying can be direct or indirect. Direct bullying includes teasing, name-calling, making faces, and pushing or shoving. Indirect bullying includes social exclusion, talking unkindly about someone, gossip, rumors, or manipulating relationships in any way. It is important for students and parents to feel comfortable talking to teachers and school personnel about any bullying behaviors that a student is experiencing. The staff at Ranch Creek will go to the furthest extent to stop these behaviors and to create and maintain a safe learning environment for your child.