

Ten Ways Teachers Can Offer Support

Teachers have a unique ability to curtail bullying behavior before it escalates. Here's how:

1. Establish clear rules and consequences regarding unacceptable behavior, and enforce them.
2. Deal with verbal abuse before it escalates.
3. Mobilize witnesses.
4. Take bullying reports seriously.
5. Realize the challenge of making change.
6. Guarantee confidentiality.
7. Avoid embarrassing the student, whenever possible.
8. Utilize classroom leaders.
9. Speak to bullies and targets separately.
10. Reinforce the classroom code of conduct.

Get more strategies for handling bullying behavior, through Synergy's [STOP Violence programming](#). Learn more by contacting 816.777.0356 ext. 227