

COWPENS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Cowpens Middle School is committed to creating a bully-free school environment. We want to make our school a safe and positive place where students can learn. A bully-free environment begins by helping our scholars learn how to identify bullying and what to do if they see it. Scholars are learning that bullying happens when someone repeatedly, and on purpose, says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself. Bullying can take many forms, such as hitting, verbal harassment, spreading false rumors, not letting someone be a part of the group, and sending inappropriate messages on a cell phone or over the internet. In addition, we are teaching our scholars to follow these four anti-bullying rules:

1. We will not bully others.
2. We will help students who are bullied.
3. We will include students who are left out.
4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

The faculty and staff strive to recognize scholars' efforts to follow our school's four anti-bullying rules. The CMS House program is a way that we are working to reward our scholars' positive character and behavior traits. We believe that positive character development is key in helping our scholars succeed in their relationship with others as well as their academic growth.

Finally, we want our parents and community to know that bullying is not tolerated at Cowpens Middle School. Cowpens Middle School maintains an incident report log to address and detect bullying related behaviors. Teachers and other staff are trained to deal with bullying situations and the students involved. Scholars who bully others will be given consequences to address and eliminate their negative behaviors. Victims of bullying will be supported by our staff.

We need your help too. You can talk about bullying and our school's anti-bullying rules at home with your child. We want to work with you to prevent and stop bullying from happening in our school.

Making a Difference,

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