



PARENTS

Recognize & Reward. Recognize and reward your students for displaying anti-violent behaviors and working to prevent violence. , ex: telling a teacher when a fight breaks out, walking away from a fight, being a friend to someone who is being bullied.

Encourage tolerance. Talk to your kids about diversity and how to accept and appreciate other people of different cultures, races, ethnicities, backgrounds, etc. Encourage values which are respectful of others.

Set behavior expectations. Clearly express what behaviors are appropriate or inappropriate with your student at home and at school. Provide them with tips for dealing with bullies and staying safe.

Make a lasting difference. Donate a copy of a book about bullying, violence prevention or preventing hatred to your school's library.

Notice Change. Watch for change in your student's behaviors. Are they exhibiting aggressive behaviors? Are they isolating themselves? Are they hanging out with a different group of friends? Are they participating in risky behaviors?

Know your student. Be in touch with your student and their friends and stay informed about their current activities. Monitor the types of TV programs, video games, and music that your student likes.

Stay interested. As your student becomes older and more independent, remain interested in their lives and activities. Volunteer to chaperone field trips and events. Attend sporting or other extracurricular activities with your student. Invite their friends over for meals and activities.

Encourage students. Encourage your student to be involved in safe extracurricular activities. Whether they play sports, are involved in a youth club, or participate in other youth involvement activities they will have less idle time to become involved in inappropriate behavior.

Get involved! If you see bullying behavior or fights involving students – intervene. Contact the school and report the behavior.

Listen to your students and their friends! They want to talk to you; they're just not sure how to start. Many students will talk to a friend's parents if they have concerns. Listen to the student and if he or she is being bullied or abused, follow through with the appropriate adults.

SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS