

Olweus (OI-VAY-US): Bullying Prevention Program



What Are the Goals of OBPP?

To reduce existing bullying problems among students

To prevent the development of new bullying problems

To achieve better peer relations at school

What Is the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program?

The Elkhorn Area School District is in the process of implementing the OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) in our schools.

The Olweus Program is a comprehensive approach that includes school wide, classroom, individual, and community components. The program has been found to reduce bullying among students, improve the social climate of classrooms, and reduce related antisocial behaviors, such as vandalism and truancy.

The Olweus Program began in the 1980s and has been implemented in more than a dozen countries around the world, and in thousands of schools in the United States.

Elk Expectations:

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

Our Progress

- All staff in the district, who directly work with students, were trained in the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program by September 2016.
- Bus drivers, who service EASD students, were training in Olweus in August 2016
- All K-12 EASD schools held Kick-off assemblies/events during the second week of school.
- Classroom meetings were scheduled and began in grades K-12 in September 2016.

What's Next

- Building Bullying Prevention Coordinating Committees (BPCCs) will continue to meet monthly to support students and staff.
- In October, students (3rd-12th) will the Olweus Bullying Questionnaire OBQ survey to determine progress of the program.
- Staff will continue ongoing dialogue in monthly meetings with grade level teams.
- Continued and more focused planning for parent and community information sharing and collaboration.

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