

### Athletic Directors and Officials

## Bullying in Sports

"On our fields and in our gyms, there is an elephant in the room. Its presence is well known among athletes but rarely confronted."

Randy Nathan: author of "Bullying in Sports"



- Bullying amongst Team-members
- Who can be the biggest bully on the team?
- Social Isolation: leaving someone out

## Bullying in Sports, continued

- How do coaches handle losing?
- How do coaches handle a lopsided score?
- How do coaches handle other team talking trash or making illegal moves?



- Recognizing that a situation is inappropriate
- Teaching about empathy
- Having team members create two lists
  Differences, Similarities
- Having a plan of action

#### Ways to deal with bullying on your team

- Set Behavioral Expectations
- Emphasize Respect
- Be a Positive Role Model
- Encourage Friendships
- Ensure All Team Members Play
- Handle Bullying Situations Immediately

#### DASA – The Dignity Act - August 2013

"In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, students have a right to be free from harassment, bullying, including cyberbullying and/or discrimination, including but not limited to harassment, bullying, including cyberbullying and/or discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity or sex,

## DASA, continued

by school employees or students on school property, at school functions and/or off school property where such harassment, bullying, including cyberbullying and/or discrimination creates or would foreseeably create a risk of substantial disruption within the school environment, where it is foreseeable that the conduct, threats, intimidation or abuse might reach school property."



Harassment or Bullying shall mean the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or threats, intimidation or abuse, including Cyberbullying

### Harassment or Bullying

"Emotional harm" within the context of harassment or bullying means harm to a student's emotional well-being through creation of a hostile school environment that is so severe or pervasive as to reasonably and substantially interfere with the student's education.

Since "cyberbullying" is a form of bullying, the term "bullying" will implicitly include cyberbullying even if it is not explicitly stated.

## Coaches' Directive

- How do you set the tone?
- At the beginning of the season, coaches should make clear that if anyone is heard talking negatively about anyone on the team, anyone on the other team, the refs or umpires, .....e.g. you will sit out the game"

Source:Why Good Kids Act Cruel: The Hidden Truth about the Pre-Teen Years. Carl Pickhardt

• What would you consider severe abuse?



• Is harassment or unwelcome attention of a sexual nature.

• Is illegal and *never* okay.



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"Do you want tea?" (clean version)

"Consent for Kids"

### **Teachers/Reporting**

All teachers are expected to maintain and encourage a climate of mutual respect and dignity for all students that is free from harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination, including but not limited to harassment, bullying, including cyberbullying and/or discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity or sex in accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act which will strengthen student self concept and promote confidence to learn. Copyright LIPEN 2019

# Filing of the DASA Complaint

## You are a mandated reporter for child abuse.

You are a mandated reporter for all bullying incidents.



## Every district makes up an incident report form.

Check your district's DASA policy

#### What Happens After a Report is Filed?

There will be an investigation as to whether or not this was a bullying incident.

If the reporter feels it was not and you believe it was, then you can report your feelings to the district-wide (usually a central office person) coordinator. This will then produce another set of eyes evaluating the complaint.

#### After a Report is Filed, continued

If the complaint is found to be bullying, then you must come up with a plan on how to solve the situation.

Your plan must show how you will help make it better by enacting something that will improve the situation. This can be done in a group or individual setting.

Use your skills to model good behavior

## Microaggressive Behavior

Microaggression: Subtle, stereotypical and insensitive behavior or comments about a person's identity, background, ethnicity or disability.

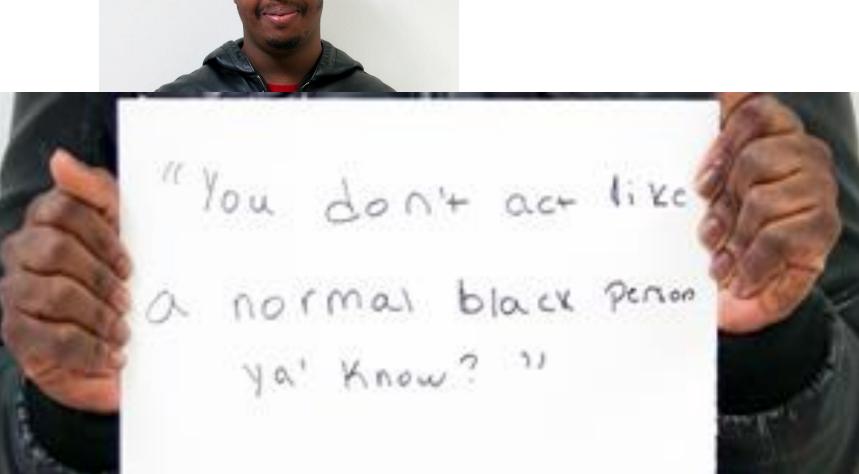
microaggression cartoon

http://goo.gl/Y3Fase



Substitute Teacher

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dd7FixvoKBw





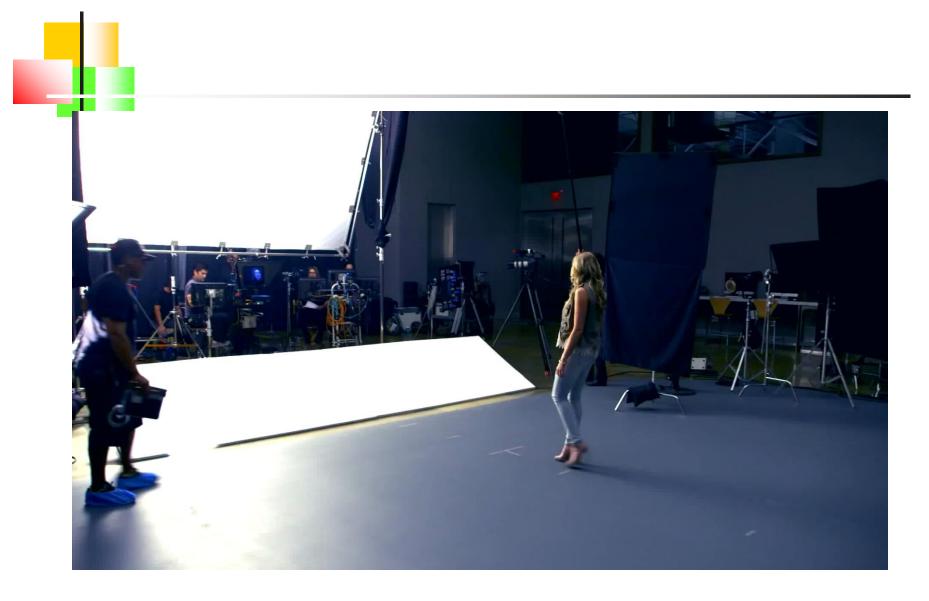
When I gave a speech about racism, the encee introduced me as "Jaime Garcia." My name is Jaime Rodriguez; notall Latinos have the last name GARCIA.



#### Run like a Girl

ALWAYS commercial

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjJQBjWYDTs





#### Wheelchair Basketball You Tube Video



#### <u>cbs news "we dine together" – youtube</u>

## James Lozano – David Wright

#### Double-Amputee Mets Fan Inspires, Gets Surprise of a Lifetime from David Wright

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9IW8Lr7Tmc





#### (paper and crayons)



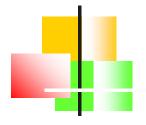
"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

## Definition Of Bullying

Bullying is the conscious, willful and deliberately hostile activity intended to harm someone else for pleasure.

It is pervasive and ongoing.

Bullying is about an imbalance of power



## TEASING vs. BULLYING

### Bystanders

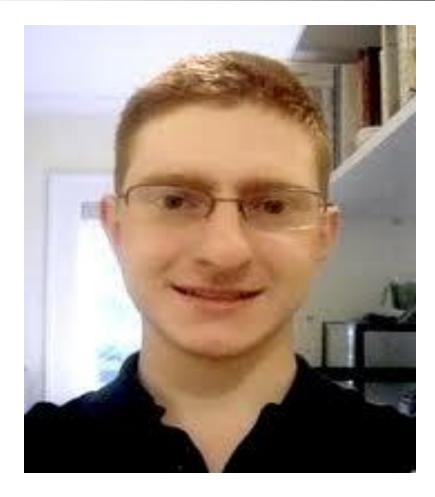
#### Observers, spectators, onlookers

The ones watching and not helping



By physical aggression By verbal aggression By intimidation By social alienation

### Tyler Clementi 1992-2010



## Carl Walker Hoover 2000-2012



### Evan Rosenstock 1997-2013

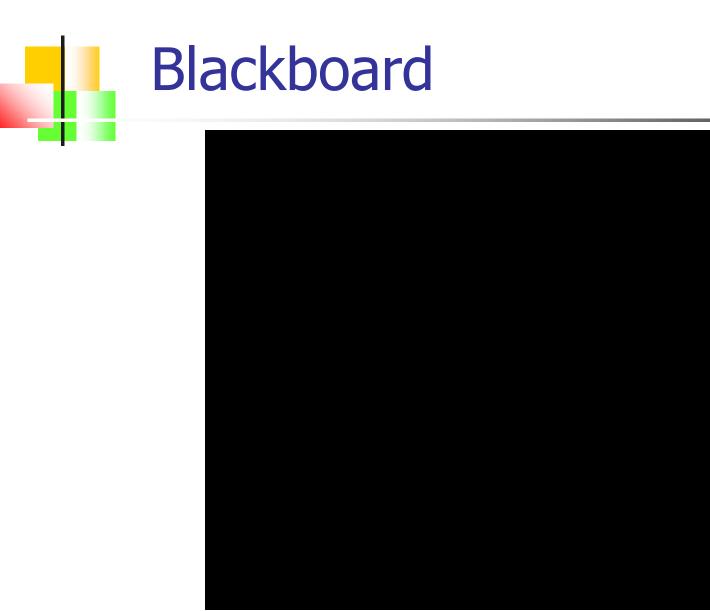




### **Suicide Prevention**

 National Suicide Hotline: 1 800 273 TALK

 Crisis Text Line: Text - HOME to 741741



# Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat

- Outsiders' Access to Student Athletes e.g. Badmouthing after losses
- Parents and Students Commenting Online
- Loss of Scholarships



- "I text therefore I am"
- About 14% of communication is the words
- Addiction to phones
- Gaming addiction (American Psychiatric Assoc.)

### **Dealing With Parents**

• "Learned helplessness", waiting for Parents to step in

• Bulldozer Parents

• Concierge Parents

# If only everyone thought before making a decision

#### **The Decision**

### Qualities of a Good Leader

- Empathy
- Humility (confidence vs. conceit)
- Self-Awareness
- Self-Reflection (ability to admit mistakes)
- Resilience



Be upstanders, not bystanders

Giving up is easy. Getting up is hard.

What you permit, you promote.



Jason MacElwain wmv

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## Sporting Philosophy

Every person in every role has the right to participate in an environment that is fun, safe and healthy and to be treated with respect, dignity and fairness.

"Play by the Rules" www.playbytherules.net.au