

Stand Up, Speak Up, Save a Life Project and Implementation Plan for Amberlea School

School Year 2016-2017

The Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life student group along with the School Counselor, developed and implemented anti-bullying, anti-conflict and anti-teasing presentations to all middle school students at Amberlea School. The student group and school counselor brainstormed ideas for how to reach the student population targeting specific situations and understanding of tolerance, empathy, bullying, conflict and overall respect for one another. The student group presented to all middle school classes as well as a parent group during the evening hours. Each student from this group took an initiative to research situations and topics, develop ideas, process and discuss tensions occurring at Amberlea and how to best intervene and provide assistance. Stories based on real life events and posters were created by students and presented to the student population. In addition, this student group led small peer group discussions with the help of the school counselor to facilitate conversation about difficult issues occurring at Amberlea, related to bullying and conflict, and how to introduce the concept of Stand Up, Speak Up and Save a Life!

Implementation for School Year 2017-2018

The school counselor will begin recruitment in the school year 2016-2017 for next year's, Speak Up, Stand Up, Save a Life student group. During the school year 2016-2017, the school counselor will meet with the current and future student group so that ideas can be shared and learned.

The 2017-2018 student group will then work with the school counselor during the academic school year to implement specific strategies throughout the school. In the beginning of the year, the student group will lead student created presentations to discuss anti-bullying, anti-conflict, anti-teasing as implemented the previous year. These students will lead small group discussions on ways that student grades can report, handle and cope with bullying and conflict. The student group will repeat this presentation in January and April as well. The student group will be trained by the school counselor to recognize situations of bullying, conflict and teasing and will work with other students to become up-standers on the campus. The student group will meet with the school counselor at least twice during each month to discuss situations occurring on campus and ways that students can assist and support other students as well as ways to reduce the incidents of bullying, conflict and teasing on campus. The student group will utilize other resources such as Bee Kind tenants of each month to push into classrooms and have presentations aided and assisted by the school counselor. In addition, the student group will also work with the school counselor on presenting to faculty and parents during the academic school year.