## Bullying

Bullying is an attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person or create fear in that person. Bullying is intentional, often repeated, and is harmful. It can be verbal or physical, and occur in person, online, or via other means of communication.

Victims of bullying often feel insecure, have lower self-esteem, and may show signs of depression. These students may have poor school attendance, lower grades, and/or behavior issues. Additionally, victims of bullying are at an increased risk of dropping out of school. As reported by the Richmond County School System, research shows that a student who is identified as a bully by age eight is six times more likely to have a criminal conviction by age 24.

The Richmond County School System and Warren Road Elementary School are committed to providing safe learning environments for all students. Bullying is not and will not be tolerated. If you suspect your child is being bullied or is a bully, please contact Dr. Woodward or one of Warren Road's administrators. You may also complete the <u>Bullying Report Form</u> and submit it to Warren Road if you prefer.

Click <u>here</u> to view the Richmond County School System's Bullying Policy. Additionally, bullying resources can be found at: <u>www.stopbullying.gov</u>