

Barton Open School

Anti-Bullying Contract

Barton Uppers are committed to learning together socially and academically using Responsive Classroom strategies. In our daily morning meetings, we will build strong learning communities and practice cooperation, assertion, responsibility, empathy and self-respect. We will strive to ensure one another's Hopes & Dreams come true this year.

Everyone has the right to feel physically and emotionally safe at Barton Open School. I will do everything I can personally, as a member of my school's community, to create and preserve a physically and emotionally safe environment. As a member of the Barton community, I will strive to treat everyone with respect regardless of any differences.

Bullying is defined as intentionally aggressive behavior that can take many forms (verbal, physical, social, emotional, or cyber - or any combination of these); it involves an imbalance of power, and is often repeated over time. The bullying can consist of one child bullying another or a group of children against one lone child.

Student's responsibility:

I commit that I will not bully my peers. When I witness bullying, I will report it to an adult and/or the box outside Trish's office.

Student's Name

Grade

Teacher

Date

Parent/Guardian's responsibility:

I commit to encouraging my child to always respect others. I will also respect all other adults (parents and staff) on the Barton campus. I have instructed my child not to bully. I have advised my child to report any bullying to an adult.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

We understand that Bullying will result in predictable and escalating consequences. Any severe situation will result in a student being sent immediately to the office. Severe behaviors may lead to more serious consequences according to District policies. If the student has broken the law, the administration will inform the police.