

Cyber-bullying Information

Recently, nine high school students in South Hadley, Massachusetts had criminal charges filed against them for participating in online bullying that resulted in the suicide death of a fellow 9th grade student. Educational Psychologists describe the typical student caught being a cyber bully as “attractive, athletic and academically accomplished.” Marlene Snyder, a Clemson University expert on the subject, claims cyber-bullying students are so subtle and cunning that it’s hard for school staff to know what bullying looks like and what to do about it.

It is inevitable that we begin the process of adding cyber-bullying prevention into our computer curriculums. We just completed a cyber-bullying project in high school computing and will plan to implement programs next year in middle and elementary school levels.

Please be advised that we have increased the consequences for those caught participating in cyber bullying to include immediate expulsion depending on the language and severity of what a student might say online to another student.

It is ultimately the responsibility of the parent to monitor what his or her child writes online, not the school. Please review the links below for more information you need to know about cyber-bullying.

<http://www.stopcyberbullying.org>

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/rachel-simmons/what-every-parent-should_b_533015.html?ref=email_share