



Each and Every Child

Quick news for Parents, Teachers and Students

An e-newsletter by the Iowa Department of Education's Bureau of Student and Family Support Services



News to Use

Welcome to *Each and Every Child*, an e-newsletter aimed at parents of children with special needs and the teachers who work with them.

The goal of this monthly publication is to bring parents and teachers together. After all, they share one thing in common: the children.

It's no secret that the best success stories in education stem from a strong collaboration between the teacher and the parent.

Produced by the Iowa Department of Education's Bureau of Student and Family Support Services, the e-newsletter will bring you best practices in the wide field of special education.

And we will make it concise – usually no more than one page – because we know how busy you are.

This first issue is being forwarded to many of the readers by agencies that you already have worked with. They will continue to forward the piece to

you, unless you choose to opt out. You may also opt-in and receive this publication directly by emailing Julie Carmer at Julie.carmer@iowa.gov. Please note you want to be put on the distribution list of *Each and Every Child*.

We also welcome your thoughts, ideas and best practices you use in the field, and may end up sharing in this newsletter. Please send them to jim.flansburg@iowa.gov

Does your school stand up to bullying?

Though students may not articulate it, bullying can have a profoundly negative effect on the student's ability to learn. In this new age of technology, the fear of being beaten up after class is compounded by social networks and texting. How well can a student concentrate on work if someone texts her a disparaging name?

"Every child deserves a safe and supportive school."

Jason Glass
Director, Iowa Dept. of Education



Bullying isn't just a punch to the ego. It keeps students from learning.

The Department of Education's bureau for Student and Family Services is studying this throughout the state, thanks to a federal grant. The four-year initiative will collect data, and implement effective policies that will be used statewide to combat bullying. The overall goal of the initiative doesn't focus exclusively on bullying. Rather, it is focused on eliminating all barriers students may

face to achieving a quality education.

Remember that your Area Education Agency has experts to assist schools in effectively responding to bullies.

As we learn innovative ideas, we will pass them along here.



How to Handle Bullying

- Don't react to taunting
- Walk away
- Tell an adult
- Tell the bully to knock it off

For more on bullying, visit:

www.stopbullying.gov

www.iowa.gov/educate/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1030&Itemid=1293

Best practices for an effective Individual Education Plan (IEP)

- Parents need to be involved every step of the way.
- The IEP team is just that: A team.
- High expectations = high results.
- Get the student actively involved as early as possible.
- Remember, everyone is working together.

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