

8 Types of Cyberbullying

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Masquerading

Masquerading is a type of bullying that arose in the digital era. It's the act of pretending to be another student or creating a made-up profile to harm someone. For example, a student may set up a fake social media profile using another student's name and photo and use that profile to post embarrassing comments or information.

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Fraping

Fraping is similar to masquerading but involves a student using another student's actual social media accounts to post harmful photos, comments, or other content. This can occur when a student leaves their device unattended or does not sign out of their profile after using a public device. This, too, can range in its severity, but can cause significant damage to the victim's self-esteem.

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Flaming

Flaming is a direct form of cyberbullying in which a student posts about or sends insults to a victim. Being targeted in this way can make victims feel intimidated, alienated, and helpless.

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Doxing

Doxing is revealing another student's personal or sensitive information as a way of causing harm. Gossip has always been a destructive form of bullying, but doxing takes it to a new level due to the wide and immediate spread of digital information.

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Trolling

Trolling is the act of provoking or baiting someone online by posting comments designed to upset them. Trolling can range widely in its severity, but it can be painful and destructive, and it can even happen among friends.

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Cyberstalking

Cyberstalking is sometimes used a colloquial term for researching another person online, but it can have a darker meaning. True cyberstalking is a crime that involves sending threats to another student, harassing them, or actually stalking them online to track their whereabouts.

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Exclusion

Exclusion is intentionally leaving another student out of a group message or event. Exclusion can leave students feeling isolated and confused and can damage their self-esteem. Exclusion can happen among classes, such as when a single student or handful of students are not included in an experience. It also happens among groups of friends.

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Harassment

Digital harassment is any repeated, threatening behavior toward someone online. When a student is repeatedly targeted by the same cyberbully or group of bullies, it can be particularly painful, alienating, and even frightening, depending on the nature of the threat.