



OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Riverview Jr. Sr. High School is among the first schools in the United States to achieve national/state recognition for bully prevention. The OLWEUS Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP), US, certified Riverview Jr. Sr. High School as a Certified Olweus School. In order to achieve this status, the school has carefully implemented the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program with fidelity.

HIGHMARK FOUNDATION awarded Riverview Jr. Sr. High School for implementing PA CARES (Creating an Atmosphere of Respect and Environment for Success) program. The program utilizes the best practices of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP), a nationally recognized program designed to reduce and prevent bullying and improve school climate.

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program is the most researched and best-known bullying prevention program available today. Olweus includes whole school, classroom, individual, and community level components.

Definition of bullying:

- Aggressive behavior that involves unwanted, negative actions
- Involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time
- Involves an imbalance of power or strength

Goals of Olweus:

- Reduce existing bullying problems among students
- Prevent the development of new bullying problems
- Achieve better peer relations at school

Jr. Sr. High School Program Components:

- Extended Homeroom Bi-Weekly Classroom Lessons grades (7-8)
- Extended Homeroom Monthly Classroom Lessons grades (9-12)
- Referral System that helps both the target and bully
- Administrative rules and consequences which specifically address bully situations