

Do you think that bullying is a serious problem in Hong Kong schools?

Bullying is definitely a serious problem in Hong Kong schools. Bullying is not just a part of school life nor should it be dismissed as childish playfulness, the mental and physical violence can cause depression and anxiety to victims and even might cause them to self-harm or suicide.

Schools must be responsible and deal with the situation better. Schools are in a position to provide more protection and support to children, and they have a real capacity to be the positive force to diminish these occurrences. Here are some steps that schools can help preventing bullying. When they are younger, they should be taught positive communication skills. This knowledge will help create a more positive environment where bullying is less likely to occur.

Second, there can be a classroom discussion about the motivation for and effects of bullying. Children should understand that bullies are children who have experienced bullying themselves. They behave aggressively in an attempt to

retaliate. This education can help the children to make better choices and to become partners in eliminating bullying.

If bullying occurs, there should be an established system for a child to report being bullied. A counselor and other professionals should meet with the children involved and their families to determine a solution. When needed, bullies and bullied should be referred to outside therapists for ongoing help.

Also the government should implement a law that counts bullying as an assault such as anti-bullying laws. These laws often offer the strongest protections for students and they can help put an immediate stop to the bullying. Other laws like federal laws, can benefit kids with learning and thinking differences.

Parents trust that their children will be properly cared for when they are dropped off.

How can students focus on studying when they are even afraid of attending classes?

The main changes are from schools. If bullies are not stopped early in life, they are likely to go to hurt others.