

Rights and Responsibilities

GRADES

4-8

TIME

30 minutes

TOPIC

Bullying

SPACE

Any

MATERIALS

- Descriptions of the four roles (parent, teacher, bully, victim)
- A scenario

OUTLINE

1. Describe a scenario (e.g. A smaller than average student walks into the lunchroom. A bully grabs the student's phone and refuses to return it).
2. Organize students in groups of 4 (parent, teacher, bully, victim). Describe the scenario.
3. Pull all of the "like" characters together (all of the parents, all of the teachers etc.) and discuss the roles and responsibilities of each member.
4. Allow students to go back to their home group and try to problem-solve the situation through role-playing.
5. Have them design/ act out/ write out a plan of action or solution to the situation.

It is important to note that in the scenario all parties are aware of the situation. Often with bullying, parents and teachers are unaware. Students need to be informing adults of situations to help resolve them.