

Information for Parents

Following this page are form letters to communicate to your child's school and the school district that your child is being subjected to bullying (teasing, taunting, etc.) or outright assault and battery at the hands of another student.

Receipt of one or more of these letters should be sufficient to motivate the school principal to take the appropriate action to stop the bullying your child is undergoing.

If not, you have the option of having your child make a citizen's arrest, which will surely get the attention of the school principal as well as the bully's parents.

Thank you,

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Letter #1 – First Contact – Teasing, Taunting, etc.

Attn: _____

Re: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____ It has come to my attention that
_____ has been _____

_____ my son/daughter on a repeated basis.

This type of bullying can be mentally and emotionally harmful to any student and should not be tolerated in any school setting. In fact, it is illegal by state law.

I would request that the offending student be counseled and his parents notified of his/her behavior.

Please advise me in writing when this has been done.

I have assured my son/daughter that this will be taken care of. School should not be a hostile environment for any student.

Thank you for your immediate attention.

Sincerely,

_____ [Signature]

Letter #2 – Second Contact – Teasing, Taunting, etc.

Attn: _____

Re: _____

I am writing this letter in follow-up to my original letter dated _____ in which I brought to your attention the episodes of _____

_____ that my son/daughter has been enduring from _____ on a continuing basis.

I never received a letter from you indicating what action, if any, you have taken with regards to _____ . The _____

has continued, and my son/daughter has been suffering mental and emotional harm from these illegal actions by _____ .

I am demanding that the actions of _____ be stopped immediately or I will be forced to retain an attorney and seek legal action against you, your school, and the school district.

Bullying is a serious offense that causes thousands of students to dread going to school or skip it altogether because of the fear, anxiety and depression they endure because of bullying. All forms of bullying can lead to suicidal thoughts by innocent students forced to put up with this type of harassment.

Sincerely,

_____ [Signature]

cc: _____

Letter #1 – Contact – Physical Assault (battery)

Attn: _____

Re: _____

I am the parent/guardian of _____ . It has come to my attention that _____ has/has been physically assaulted/ assaulting my son/daughter. My son/daughter told me that

Furthermore, I am told that this/these assault/assaults was/were witnessed by

This is legally defined as assault and battery, which is punishable by arrest and prosecution under the laws of our state.

I am requesting that you counsel _____ and also advise his/her parents of his/her actions. Also advise them that if this happens again, I will advise the police department and seek a citizen's arrest of _____ and will retain an attorney and bring legal action against his/her parents as well as you, your school, and the school district.

All forms of bullying is something that must be met with zero tolerance and stopped immediately. Bullying has been shown to be responsible for many student suicides each year.

Very sincerely,

_____ [Signature]

cc: _____

Note to Parents

Believe it or not, your child can legally make a citizen's arrest. This is a little known fact. Making a citizen's arrest is an excellent legal tool to use to deal with a bully who **physically** hurts your son or daughter and won't or cannot be stopped.

Once you have sent your child's school principal one or more of the form letters outlined above, and the bullying still persists, you can instruct your child to call the police from school and tell them that they want to make a citizen's arrest.

This should be done immediately after an assault and battery has occurred upon your child. Your child should have at least one witness so it doesn't boil down to your child's word against the bully's.

By law, the police/sheriff should send one of their officers to the school and arrest the offender and take them to the police department.

If it comes to this, you should have already fully discussed this with your child and provided them with a printed out copy of California Penal Code 837 (easily obtainable online). As you will note in the excerpt below from Penal Code 837, it says that "a private person is authorized to make a citizen's arrest in California." It makes no reference to the person's age who wants to make the arrest.

"Under Penal Code 837 PC, a private person is authorized to make a citizen's arrest in California when the perpetrator commits a felony and a citizen has reasonable cause to believe the perpetrator committed it."

You should read Penal Code 837 in its entirety so you are familiar with its contents.