

Compassionate Community Pledge

We, the student-athletes/parents of the Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy, agree to join together to prevent bullying at our school. We believe that everybody should enjoy our school equally, and feel safe, secure and accepted regardless of color, race, gender identification, popularity, athletic ability, intelligence, religion, nationality or sexual orientation. Bullying can include, but is not limited to, pushing, shoving, hitting, and spitting, as well as name calling, picking on, making fun of, laughing at, and excluding someone. Bullying causes pain and stress to victims and is never justified or excusable as “kids being kids,” “just teasing” or any other rationalization. The victim is never responsible for being a target of bullying.

Student Pledge

1. Value student differences and treat others with respect.
2. Not become involved in bullying incidents or be a bully
3. Be aware of the school's policies and support systems with regard to bullying.
4. Report honestly and immediately all incidents of bullying to a faculty member.
5. Be alert in places around the school where there is less adult supervision such as bathrooms, corridors, and stairwells.
6. Support students who have been or are subjected to bullying.
7. Talk to teachers and parents about concerns and issues regarding bullying.
8. Work with other students and faculty, to help the school deal with bullying effectively.
9. Encourage teachers to discuss bullying issues in the classroom.
10. Provide a good role model for younger students and support them if bullying occurs.
11. Participate fully and contribute to assemblies dealing with bullying.

I acknowledge that whether I am being a bully or see someone being bullied, if I don't report or stop the bullying, I am just as guilty.

Parents Pledge

1. Keep myself and my child informed and aware of school bullying

policies.

2. Work in partnership with the school to encourage positive behavior, valuing differences and promoting sensitivity to others.
3. Discuss regularly with my child their feelings about schoolwork, friendships and relationships.
4. Inform faculty of changes in my child's behavior or circumstances at home that may change my child's behavior at school.
5. Alert faculty if any bullying has occurred.

Contact the Head of School and Counselor for questions or concerns regarding bullying in the Upper School. Contact the Assistant Principal and Counselor for questions or concerns regarding bullying in the Lower School.