In GPISD, counselors provide bullying prevention and intervention with a two-part approach:

### 1. Counselors focus on promoting kindness and compassion as a method to prevent bullying.

- **a.** GPISD Campus Counselors encourage a schoolwide philosophy of kindness to be promoted through campus activities. Campuses follow the BE KIND GPISD monthly themes which drive campus Bullying Prevention and Kindness Crew activities for the year.

- **b.** Each campus plans activities each school year to enhance bullying awareness and prevention. Highlights include:
  - Secondary guidance lessons
    - Teen Dating Violence/Harassment/Bullying Awareness and Prevention
    - Suicide Prevention and Intervention
    - Character education
  - Elementary guidance lessons
    - Bullying Awareness and Prevention
    - Character education
  - Positive character trait celebrations/awards for students
  - Second Step groups for anger management and self-control
  - October Bullying Prevention Month Activities
  - Parent Newsletters/Workshops
  - Elementary parent workshops
  - StopIt Anonymous Reporting for Students/Parents
  - Kindness Crew Clubs at all GPISD campuses
  - Handprints on Hearts Mentoring available at all campuses
  - Kindness Challenges for elementary campuses
  - Stand4Kind assemblies at select secondary campuses

### 2. Counseling support is provided for students who bully and for those who are victims of bullies.

- **a.** For students who have been the victim of bullying
  - strategies for minimizing exposure to further incidents and coping skills
  - check-in/check-out with school counselor, social worker, or other appropriate campus staff member
  - social/emotional support

- **b.** For students who have bullied other students
  - student should complete the Student Reflection Form
  - social/emotional support

- **c.** Additional counseling supports:
  - Peer mediation
  - Social skills groups
  - Behavior RTI

Counseling Services also provides the following online resources:

- Senate Bill 179: David's Law
- StopIt Anonymous Reporting
- AP Quick Guide - Bullying / Harassment Protocol
- Bullying Prevention Information and Parent Resources