



**Anti-Bullying Contract
Student and Parent/Guardian
Agreement**

Everyone has the right to feel physically and emotionally safe at Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras (GBYO). I will do everything I can personally, as a member of the GBYO community, to create and preserve a physically and emotionally safe environment. As a member of the GBYO community, I will strive to treat everyone with respect regardless of any differences.

Bullying is defined as intentionally aggressive behavior that can take many forms (verbal, physical, social, emotional, or cyber - or any combination of these); it involves an imbalance of power, and is often repeated over time. The bullying can consist of one child bullying another, or a group of children bullying another child / group of children.

Student's responsibility:

I commit that I will not bully my peers. If I witness bullying, I will report it to the Conductor of my orchestra/ensemble or to the Music Director of GBYO.

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's responsibility:

I commit to encouraging my child to always respect others. I will also respect all other adults (parents and staff) at GBYO. I have instructed my child not to bully. I have advised my child to report any bullying to the Conductor of my child's orchestra/ensemble or to the Music Director of GBYO.

I believe that everybody should enjoy GBYO equally, and feel safe, secure, and accepted regardless of color, race, gender, popularity, musical ability, intelligence, religion, and nationality. Bullying can be 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.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I understand that Bullying may result in immediate expulsion from GBYO.