



Doin' the Right Thing! educates and entertains students in grades 4-8. The play confronts the issues of bullying, abuse and respect. Students witness the verbal, emotional and physical behaviors that reflect episodes of real-life bullying and harassment in their school. They observe positive role modeling when the main character decides to take a stand and do the right thing.

Major Learning Points:

- ◆ Defining bullying, cyberbullying and gender harassment
- ◆ Developing empathy and identification with the victim
- ◆ Making the choice to stand up for victims is difficult and is the right thing to do
- ◆ Determine when and how to seek help from caring adults
- ◆ Students can be empowered to change school culture

About the Play:

Doin' the Right Thing! explores the relationships of three characters who play the role of Bully, Target and Bystander. Malcolm is the school bully who knows exactly who to pick on. He zeros in on his target, P.J. and then launches into a campaign of verbal, emotional and physical abuse. When P.J. reaches out to his childhood friend, Natalie he's rejected in favor of Malcolm and the more popular kids. Scenes are played out on the bus, in the lunchroom, the hallway and online that portray various types of bullying incidents and students' responses to them. As tensions escalate, Natalie needs to make a choice about which relationship she values the most.

Post Performance:

Following the performance there is an interactive after-show discussion featuring the three actors/educators who help reinforce the educational points of the play.

Additional Information:

In addition, Deana's Educational Theater offers several educational workshops and training options, for students, parents, and school personnel. The workshops are fun and engaging and can be tailored to the needs of your community. The **Doin' the Right Thing** script is also available through our Limited Performance Rights and Artist in Residence Program. For more information about the play or any of Deana's Educational Theater performances and/or programs please contact us:

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4-8

Audience
size:
200