



About the Play:

Step Up is a single gender, three character play that challenges middle and high school boys to take a stand against bullying when they see it happen. **Step Up** features Mike, a popular athlete, and Nate and Ted, childhood friends who are beginning to move in different social circles. Mike targets Ted and continually harasses and taunts him in front of his other friends. Nate is caught in the middle, wanting to be popular yet not comfortable when he sees his old friend being abused. When the abuse escalates, Ted is forced to make a difficult choice. The play inspires boys to **Step Up** to prevent bullying.

Post Performance:

After the show there is an interactive discussion lead by the actors/educators who reinforce the educational points in the play. The actors also facilitate a question and answer period. Whenever possible actors prefer to work with all-male audiences.

Major learning points

- Examine how and why boys bully
- Identify the different types of bullying
- Discuss the important role of bystanders and how they can intervene effectively
- Establish empathy for targets
- Learn how to seek help and how to access local and school resources

Additional Information:

Deana's Educational Theater offers several educational workshops and training options for students, parents and school staff. The workshops are fun and engaging and can be tailored to your community. For more information about the play or any of Deana's Educational Theater performances or programs contact us:

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Recommended
Grades:

6-9

Audience Size:

300