

Sample Teacher-Mediated Academic Writing Development

☛ Daily Learning Journal Assignment: *Dealing with Bullying*

- ✓ **Select one of the following topic sentences to begin your paragraph (or borrow words from these sentences to create your own topic sentence).**

I believe that _____ school needs a much stronger policy on bullying.

I am in favor of clearer and stronger consequences for bullying at _____ .
_____ school should deal with bullying more productively.

- ✓ **Support your opinion/position with three specific recommendations that can help to strengthen the school's anti-bullying policy.**

Introduce each recommendation with one of these signal words:

1. First, First of all
2. In addition, Furthermore
3. Finally, Most importantly

Consider using or adapting these sentence starters to introduce your three specific recommendations:

There would be fewer bullying incidents at our school if . . .

Students would think twice about bullying on campus if . . .

Bullies would be less likely to harass classmates if . . .

_____ would make a significant impact on the amount of bullying at ____.

- ✓ **Provide two additional sentences after each recommendation to make sure that your reader clearly understands your points.**

- ✓ **In your final draft, use at least 4 words from our vocabulary list:**
affect, impact, outcome, priority, consequence, perspective, involve, incident, abuse, harass, harassment, harmful, prevalent, outcome, significant

