

BULLYDOWN PHASE THREE BETA TEST: TEXT BUDDY CODE OF CONDUCT

You will be matched with a “Text Buddy,” who is another middle school student in BullyDown that you can text back and forth during the 8 weeks of the program. We hope that Text Buddies will provide support to each other and talk about things that you are learning in the program.

We’re sure you will be a great Buddy, but to make sure that we’re all on the same page, here are the ground rules:

- Be supportive and kind.
- Have fun!
- Talk about as much or as little sensitive stuff as you feel comfortable sharing.
- Don’t pressure your buddy to share things they’re not ready to talk about.
- Don’t bully or harass your buddy. Don’t discriminate against your buddy.
- Be respectful. You don’t have to agree all of the time, but you need to respect your differences.
- Don’t share contact information during the program. To protect your privacy, all of the text messages will go through the program so that your Text Buddy does not see your actual phone number. Please don’t share other information (e.g., social network profile name). If you want to stay in touch with your buddy after the program, you can share contact information at the end of the program.

We will be monitoring the text messages to make sure the conversations are helpful and follow the Code of Conduct. Examples of Text Buddy Code of Conduct violations include:

- Saying or doing mean or nasty things that are intended to make the other person feel upset, afraid, ashamed, or embarrassed
- Treating the other person unfairly because of their race, ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, etc. Racial slurs are definitely not allowed!
- Sending unwanted messages. If your buddy has made it clear that s/he doesn’t want you to message him about something, then don’t.
- Promoting illegal activities
- Exchanging personal information with your Buddy, such as phone number, social network profile name (e.g., Facebook, Instagram), video game profile name (e.g., Gamertag)

Breaking these rules may cause your Text Buddy privileges to be revoked.

If it’s not working out, you can ask for a new buddy at any time. Just contact Tonya and let her know that you would like a new match, and she will match you to the next available buddy. If you have any questions or do not understand the Code of Conduct, please contact Tonya at 603-XXX-XXXX.

By clicking “I agree”, you acknowledge you have read and understand the Code of Conduct and agree to follow the Code of Conduct rules.