

Student Action Plan Scenarios

For Elementary School Students

- 1) During class your teacher announces the winner of the science fair – a quiet, intelligent girl named Kelsey who doesn't have many friends. Immediately a group of your classmates start mocking her just loud enough for her to hear, but not the teacher. They're saying how it's good that she's so smart, because that's all she got going for her. You can see that this girl is getting really upset. You feel awful. She should be able to celebrate her accomplishment. This isn't the first time this group of boys and girls have done this -- they do it to other kids, always making fun of things they are not involved in.

Create a student action plan to advocate for Kelsey

- 2) The swings are your favorite place to play during recess. Every day, you and your friend go on them, but lately these two older students keep coming up to you and telling you that the swings are only for the older kids, which you know simply isn't true. You have let them know that you were there first, and the swings are for everyone, but it keeps happening every day.

Create a student plan to become a self-advocate

- 3) As you walk into class this morning, you notice one of your classmates, Tyler, staring at his desk. When you get closer you see that the word "loser" is written on it. You can see how hurt he is. You remember that earlier in the year, he had explained to the class that he has Autism. Tyler starts rocking back and forth, like he does sometimes when he gets anxious. Across the room, a group of guys start mocking him, bumping into each other and laughing. You know Tyler is kind and smart, but it seems like no one really cares about that right now. You wish someone would speak up, but no one does.

Create a student action plan to advocate for Tyler