

The Richmond County District Attorney's Office is pleased to announce the **First-Annual "Step Up. Step Forward. Stop Bullying" Poster Contest**. It is designed to give Staten Island students a proactive role in preventing bullying and other forms of violence, as well as an opportunity for children to express themselves artistically while encouraging each child's uniqueness.

GUIDELINES

WHEN? The submission deadline is **March 31st, 2017**.

WHY? You can make a difference! Showcase your artistic talent and your commitment to end bullying. Studies conducted by Stomp Out Bullying, a leading national non-profit show that children who bully by age 8 are 4 times as likely to have a criminal record by age 24. By working together, we can put an end to bullying, while preventing our young people from going down the wrong path.

HOW? Posters must be on 8.5" x 11" paper and feature the slogan **"Step Up. Step Forward. Stop Bullying"** or a unique slogan created by you. Posters containing graphic images (e.g. clip art from the internet & photographs) will not be considered. Posters can be submitted to your school's respective drop off location.

PRIZES:

Three semi-finalists will be selected from each school and will represent their school for their entry level category (see below). The semi-finalists and their families will be invited to attend a ceremony with District Attorney Michael E. McMahon to be held at the College of Staten Island Center for the Arts. Semi-finalists will be awarded a certificate courtesy of our office and will be brought on stage for a photo with District Attorney McMahon.

At the ceremony, the Richmond County District Attorney's Office Community Partnerships Unit will announce three finalists for each entry level (nine total).

The overall contest winner will be announced on **National Anti-Bullying Day (May 4th)**. The winner & remaining finalists will be notified personally by CPU on this day, in addition to an announcement on the Richmond County District Attorney's Office Twitter and Facebook pages, including the artwork. **The overall contest winner will have their artwork displayed in all participating Staten Island elementary schools for the next school year, and receive a congratulatory letter from District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**

Entry Level I: Kindergarten – 1st grade

Entry Level II: 2nd grade – 3rd grade

Entry Level III: 4th – 5th grade