PREVENTING CYBER BULLYING AT SCHOOL: THE DIFFICULTIES OF GUARDIANS AND HOW SCOOLS CAN AID THEM
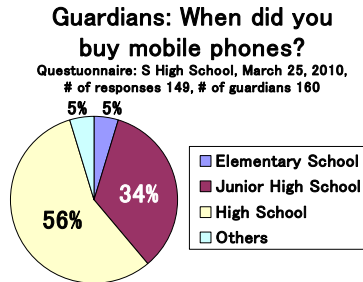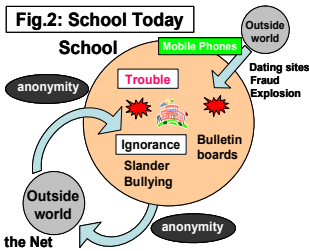
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PROBLEM: Japanese mobile phones have high performance and provide various services. There are many risks present for children and teenagers. As they use mobile phones, guardians should give guidance, but lack sufficient knowledge about technology.
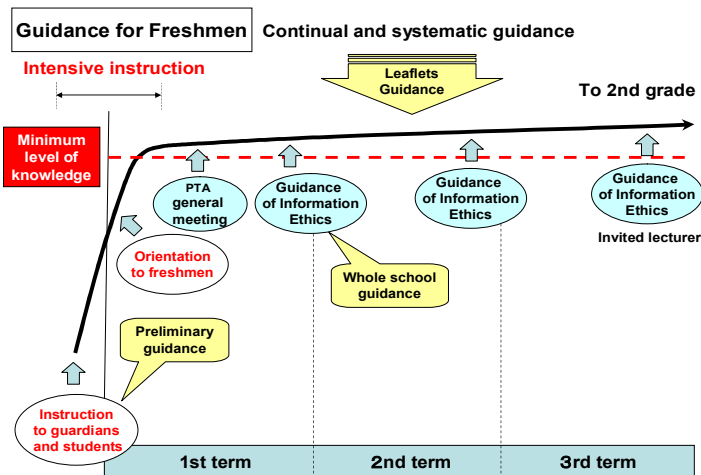
Student's guidance

Fig.2: School Today
School
Mobile Phones
Outside world
anonymity
Trouble
Dating sites
Fraud
Explosion
Ignorance
Bulletin boards
Slander
Bullying
Outside world
anonymity
the Net

Guardians: When did you buy mobile phones?
Questuonnaire: S High School, March 25, 2010,
# of responses 149, # of guardians 160

5% 5%
34%
56%

- Elementary School
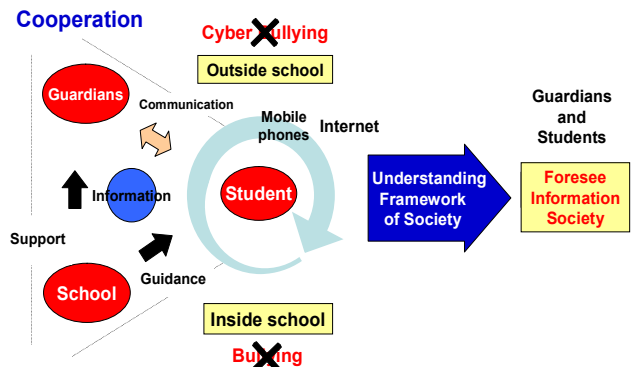- Junior High School
- High School
- Others

Guardian's guidance

AIM: ① To find high risk groups
② To enforce awareness of parental control
③ To support guardian's difficulties

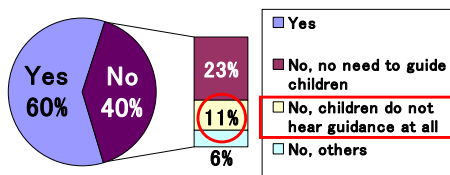**METHOD:** An early program focusing on timing and the target group

Guidance for Freshmen   Continual and systematic guidance
Intensive instruction
Leaflets Guidance
To 2nd grade
Minimum level of knowledge
PTA general meeting
Guidance of Information Ethics
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Guidance of Information Ethics
Invited lecturer
Orientation to freshmen
Whole school guidance
Preliminary guidance
Instruction to guardians and students
1st term   2nd term   3rd term

Cooperation by Sharing Information
Foresee Information Society

Cooperation
Cyber Bullying
Outside school
Guardians
Communication
Mobile phones
Internet
Guardians and Students
Information
Student
Understanding Framework of Society
Foresee Information Society
Support
Guidance
School
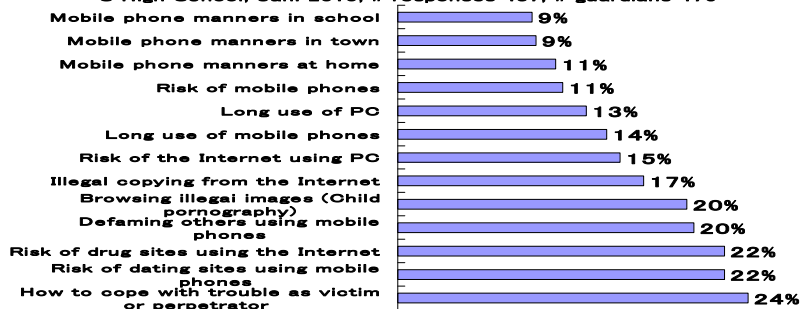Inside school
Bullying

RESULT: ① High risk group of 10%   ② Priority of support by my school

Guardians: Did you guide your children according to warnning from school?
S High School, Dec. 2008,
responses 367, # guardians 434

Yes 60%   No 40%
23%
11%
6%

- Yes
- No, no need to guide children
- No, children do not hear guidance at all
- No, others

Guardians: Instruction that guardians want to give to their children but have difficulty providing the proper guidance for.
S High School, Jan. 2010, # responses 437, # guardians 476

Mobile phone manners in school	9%
Mobile phone manners in town	9%
Mobile phone manners at home	11%
Risk of mobile phones	11%
Long use of PC	13%
Long use of mobile phones	14%
Risk of the Internet using PC	15%
Illegal copying from the Internet	17%
Browsing illegai images (Child pornography)	20%
Defaming others using mobile phones	20%
Risk of drug sites using the Internet	22%
Risk of dating sites using mobile phones	22%
How to cope with trouble as victim or perpetrator	24%

CONCLUSION: ① Most troubles can be prevented by controlling the high risk group. ② Early guidance to guardians lessens the need for current school guidance. ③ There is no difference between cyber bullying and traditional bulling, but knowledge about technology is necessary to prevent cyber bullying. ④ Guidance using prohibitions does not last long. ⑤ Obtaining ability to foresee information society is a short cut to prevent cyber bullying.