



## Kelso's Choices

Kelso's Choices is a conflict management program that is implemented throughout Horace Allen School to teach students several positive ways that may assist them in difficult situations.

Problems are identified as SMALL or BIG.

**BIG problems** are situations that the child should seek out adult help if they are being hurt physically, they are frightened, being threatened, or someone they know is being hurt or is afraid.

**SMALL problems** are situations in which the child is expected to use the strategies they have learned through the program to try to resolve the situation before seeking out adult help.

Kelso's Choices include:

- Going to another game.
- Sharing and taking turns.
- Respectfully talk it over and listen to each other.
- Walk away from the problem.
- Ignore the problem behavior.
- Apologize.
- Make a deal or compromise.
- Wait and cool off.

By using Kelso's Choices the students are starting to develop effective problem solving skills that they can use to help them deal with conflict by making appropriate decisions at home, at school and in the neighborhood throughout their lives.

