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Disney star Demi Lovato.

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Teen star helps stop bullies

When Disney star [Demi Lovato](#) was in middle school five years ago, she started playing concerts — and getting bullied.

After a hate petition, text-messaged threats and nasty names on bathroom walls, her parents turned to home schooling. Her celebrity was "hard for some of my friends to adjust to," she says. Now the 17-year-old [Camp Rock](#) co-star does public service announcements and helped launch [teensagainstbullying.com](#) for the non-profit PACER's National Center for Bullying Prevention.

"When I talk to kids they say, 'I can't believe you were bullied.'"

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