



FLATONIA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Flatonia ISD Parents and Guardians,

As we begin the second semester of the school year, we wish to remind everyone of our District's procedures when reporting allegations of bullying behavior. Flatonia ISD takes bullying behavior seriously. It is our hope that everyone feels comfortable in reporting bullying when observed or experienced. Please read the information below and should you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's campus principal. Additional information regarding bullying can be found under FISD Board Policy FFI (LEGAL) and FFI (LOCAL), the FISD Student Code of Conduct, and The FISD Student Handbook.

The District prohibits bullying, including cyberbullying:

- On school property;
- At school-sponsored or school-related activities on or off school property; or
- In any vehicle being used for transporting students to or from school or a school-sponsored or school-related activity.

Bullying may include physical conduct or verbal or written expression, including electronic expression, that was delivered to school property or to the site of a school-sponsored or school-related activity, or off school property or outside of a school-sponsored or school-related activity, if the cyberbullying interferes with a student's educational opportunities or substantially disrupts the orderly operation of a classroom, school, or school-sponsored or school-related activity.

Bullying is not tolerated by the District, and any student or parent of a student who believes that the student or another student has experienced bullying or that a student has engaged in bullying is encouraged to immediately report the incident. Retaliation against anyone involved in the reporting process is a violation of District policy and is prohibited. Students or parents may report an alleged incident of bullying, orally or in writing, to a teacher, school counselor, principal, or other District employee.

Students or parents may also report bullying via our HIBster web link ("Report Bullying" on the FISD main web page, under "Quick Links"). A student may report the incident anonymously. This information is sent directly to the campus administrator.

Please note that after submission of the report, the campus administrator will notify the parent of the alleged victim and the parent of the alleged bully. This same campus administrator will follow up on the submitted report and any other important matters pertaining to the report. We encourage you to communicate with your designated campus administrator during this time.

The first priority of Flatonia ISD is keeping our students safe. We appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and helping us in this effort. Again, if you have any questions, please contact your child's campus administrator or the District office. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

The Flatonia ISD Team