## Chino Valley Unified School District BULLYING AND HARASSMENT Notice for Students and Parents/Guardians



The Chino Valley Unified School District recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide a safe school environment that protects students from physical and emotional harm while promoting mutual respect, tolerance, and acceptance. District employees shall establish student safety as high priority and shall not tolerate bullying, intimidation, or harassment of any student whether it be direct or indirect through words or actions.

No student or group of students shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel.

Bullying means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, directed toward one or more students that has or can reasonably be predicted to have the effect of placing a reasonable student in fear of harm to himself/herself or his/her property; cause the student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his/her physical or mental health; or cause the student to experience in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

## **REPORT IT**

Any person that has been a victim of, or witnessed bullying or harassment is highly encouraged to report the incident immediately to a school counselor, administrator, or other adult personnel on campus. Pupils can rely on staff to promptly investigate each complaint of bullying or harassment in a thorough and confidential manner. This applies to pupils on school grounds, while traveling to and from school or a school sponsored activity, during lunch period, whether on or off campus, and during a school sponsored activity. This may also include, but is not limited to, inappropriate use of technology while off campus.

If school personnel witness an act of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying, they shall take immediate steps to intervene when safe to do so. (Education Code 234.1)

## **COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATION**

Students may submit to a teacher or administrator a verbal or written complaint of conduct they consider to be bullying (complaint form on district website and available at school site). Complaints of bullying shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with the site-level grievance procedures specified in AR 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment.

## TRANSFER REQUEST

A pupil who has been determined by personnel of either the district of residence or the district of proposed enrollment to have been the victim of an act of bullying, committed by a pupil of the district of residence shall, at the request of the person having legal custody of the pupil, be given priority for interdistrict attendance under any existing interdistrict attendance agreement or, in the absence of an agreement, be given additional consideration for the creation of an interdistrict attendance agreement (Education Code 46600)

Placement at a requested school is contingent upon space availability. Transfer requests can be obtained through Student Support Services.