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CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Notice for Students and Parents/Guardians BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

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, regardless of race or ethnicity, color, ancestry, nationality, national origin, immigration status, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression or genetic information, or any other characteristic identified in Education Code 200 or 220, Government Code 11135, or Penal Code 422.55, or based on their association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics, or any other characteristic, shall, through physical, written, verbal, electronic, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel.

WHAT IS BULLYING/HARASSMENT?

"Bullying" means any severe or pervasive physical or verbal act or conduct, including communications made in writing or by means of an electronic act, and including one or more acts committed by a student or group of students as defined in Section 48900.2 (Sexual Harassment), 48900.3 (Hate Violence), or 48900.4 (Hostile Environment), directed toward one or more students that has or can be reasonably predicted to have the effect of one or more of the following.

- (A) Placing a reasonable student or students in fear of harm to that student's or those students' person or property.
- (B) Causing a reasonable student to experience a substantially detrimental effect on his or her physical or mental health.
- (C) Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her academic performance.
- (D) Causing a reasonable student to experience substantial interference with his or her ability to participate in or benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school. (Education Code 48900(r))

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, an administrator, or another adult personnel on campus. Students can rely on staff to promptly investigate each complaint of bullying or harassment in a thorough and confidential manner. This applies to students 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. 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 student 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 student of the district of residence shall, at the request of the person having legal custody of the student, 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.