

PLEDGE TO END BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Everyone has the right to feel physically and emotionally safe at school. As members of the Alvarado ISD community, we must do everything we can to treat others with respect and to accept everyone regardless of our differences.

Bullying happens when, at school, at a school-related or -sponsored activity, or in a District-operated vehicle, a student or group of students engage in intentional behavior meant to harm another student or place a student in fear of harm. It can take many forms, such as verbal or physical aggression, and can even occur electronically, which is called cyber-bullying. It involves an imbalance of power between the students and disrupts the school environment.

Examples of bullying and other harassment include threats, taunting, teasing, assault, demands for money, stealing someone's property, name-calling, rumor spreading, and isolating a student from others and could be based on a person's race, gender, color, disability, or other factors.

The District will discipline any student who engages in bullying, harassment, or other related misconduct. Consequences of this behavior may include removal from the classroom to a disciplinary placement, a change in classroom, or even a change in campus. Severe behavior may result in expulsion, and law enforcement will be contacted if a student is thought to have engaged in illegal conduct.

It is important to review the District's policies at FFH and FFI that address prohibited conduct and bullying.

Student's responsibility:

"I commit that I will not bully or harass my peers and understand that, if I do engage in this behavior, I will be subject to consequences. If I witness bullying or any other type of harassment, I will report it to my parent, a teacher, or another school employee."

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's responsibility:

"I will encourage my child to report any instances of bullying to school personnel, and, as a partner with the District in the safety and acceptance of all students, will report any concerns I have with the way my child is being treated or if my child reports to me possible bullying and harassment of other students."

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____