



## ONAGA-HAVENSVILLE-WHEATON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### Reminders on Onaga Behavior Policies

Greetings parents and family members. I want to take this opportunity to remind you of some important behavior considerations as the school year moves ahead, and let you know how you can support the school in keeping everyone safe at school.

1. The State of Kansas has set a high priority upon the prevention of bullying, reporting when it happens, and of remedying the conditions that make bullying possible. ***In Onaga these behaviors will be reported.***
2. There can be very severe consequences when threatening/harassing/bullying behavior is reported and proven. These consequences can range from loss of privileges to in-school suspension to out-of-school suspension, and even in some cases long term expulsion. ***In Onaga these behaviors will not be tolerated.***
3. Kansas Law K.S.A. 21-6206 makes harassing, threatening, and bullying behavior a crime. Parents learning of these types of behaviors being directed to their student should reach out immediately to the principal. ***After investigation by administration, parents of victims may also be directed to pursue the resolution of these issues with local law enforcement by filing a criminal complaint.***
4. Electronic devices and social media are common avenues for harassing behavior. Students may post statements, pictures, or video that they consider a joke that are taken by their victims in a very different light. ***The intent of the person posting the content does not matter; what matters is how the comment or post is perceived by the subject of the post and their peers.***
5. Some parents and students mistakenly believe that if the content posts originate from off-campus and/or posts happen outside of school hours there cannot be school consequences for the person posting content. This is not a correct assumption, as proven by case law in the State of Kansas and elsewhere. ***Posts that negatively affect the school environment can and will be prosecuted behaviorally at school regardless of when and where the posts occurred.***

The best advice I can give is for all families to have a candid conversation with students. Talk about the policies and laws in our state, and make certain that they know our expectations here in Onaga. As I have said before, I thank all of you for the opportunity to lead this learning community. It is great to be a part of "the Herd."

Respectfully submitted,

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