

Bullying

Laws;

Disorderly conduct

- Knowingly or intentionally using abusive, indecent, profane or vulgar language in a public place (school) when its very utterance offends people or
- Knowingly or intentionally making an offensive gesture (middle finger) that offends people or
- Knowingly or intentionally threatening a person in an obviously offensive manner
- Knowingly or intentionally fighting with another in public (school)

Harassment

- With intent to harass, annoy, alarm, abuse, torment or embarrass another by electronic communication, in writing or telephone by threatening a person to inflict bodily harm
- Letting a phone ring over and over repeatedly
- Failing to hang up the call
- Allowing another person to use your phone to complete the above examples

Online impersonation

- Using the name of another person to create a web page on a social networking website
- Posting or sending one or more messages without the persons permission and with the intent to cause harm, defraud (lie) intimidate or threaten any person

Assault

- Intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causing contact to another that is not wanted or causing bodily injury to another.

Obscene Display or Distribution

- Intentionally or knowingly displaying or distributing an obscene photograph, drawing or other material that is obscene when reckless about whether a person is offended or alarmed by the display or distribution. (if your parents can't look at the photo you should not have it or have taken it)

Exhibition of a firearm

- Threatening to bring a gun to school, including a school bus, or threatening to damage school property by intentionally using threats to use or exhibit (show) a firearm.

Tampering with a witness

- With intent to influence a witness by
- Lying to witness/coercing not to tell the truth
- Not allowing witness to showing up and testify
- Threatening the witness

Obstruction or retaliation

- Intentionally or knowingly harm or
- Threaten to harm another or by
- Any unlawful act in retaliation for testimony or reporting a criminal offense

Steps to take if bullying is occurring to you;

- **Report the incident(s) to your Teacher/Assistant Principal or go online to the GISD bully reporting form.**
- **As soon as possible explain the situation to your parents and have them contact the school to arrange a meeting with the Assistant Principal.**
- **If the bullying continues after speaking with your parents and the school has implemented the corrective action call your Officer to get involved.**

.....do not be a bystander, be the hero..... Be the Change! report bullying.

AND REMEMBER YOU ARE NEVER ALONE!

I am only a call or email away.

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