

Student Code of Conduct (24-25)

Okinawa Christian School International requires that all students engage in safe and respectful interactions with each other at all times and that all instances of harassment and/or abuse be reported to an adult.

Student Rights

- I have the right to feel safe at school;
- I have the right to be treated with fairness and respect in person and online;
- I have the right to respectfully express my opinions, needs, and feelings;
- I have the right to say no to unwanted behavior and unsafe situations;
- I have the right to have my personal boundaries and privacy respected;
- I have the right to be protected from physical and emotional harm;
- I have the right to report unsafe behavior and situations to an adult and receive help when I need it.

Student Responsibilities

- I treat others with respect and dignity in person and online;
- I refrain from speech (in person or online) that could be perceived as harassment, to include but not limited to racial and sexual harassment;
- I allow others to respectfully express their opinions, needs, and feelings;
- I take responsibility for my own behavior;
- I avoid taking unnecessary risks;
- I respect the personal boundaries and privacy of others;
- I avoid words or actions that cause harm to others in person and online;
- I report unsafe behavior, harassment, or abuse to an adult;
- I stop my behavior when someone says "no";
- I ask for help when I need it.

Definition of Harassment: unwanted, offensive and intrusive behavior (physical, verbal, emotional, sarcastic, and mocking humor) which could include, racial, ethnic, religious, physical, or gender differences.

Definition of Abuse: Actions that may be considered abuse include, but are not limited to:

- Physical Abuse: physical injury inflicted by other than accidental means upon a child by another person and includes willful cruelty, unjustifiable punishment, or willful infliction of physical pain.
- Verbal Abuse: degrading, ridiculing, yelling at a child or using other forms of hostile language.
- Sexual Abuse: sexual assault or exploitation of a child. Examples include: inappropriate touching, exposing oneself, and sexually inappropriate conversations.
- Grooming: befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a child to lower the child's inhibitions and to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or trafficking. This can be done face-to-face or online.
- Mental Abuse: shaming, humiliation, cruelty.
- Neglect: failure to provide appropriate care and/or protection in circumstances indicating harm or threatening harm to the child's health or welfare.

I commit to learning to RECOGNIZE, REFUSE and REPORT issues of student safety to an adult. I understand that concerns related to student safety are to/should be reported to an administrator, chaplain, Child Safeguarding Team member, or any staff member. I understand the definitions of harassment and abuse and commit to the expectations in this Code of Conduct. I understand that any violation of this Code of Conduct or failure to report any violations of the Child Safeguarding Policy may result in disciplinary action. I understand that OCSI will follow school protocols in responding to reports, indicators, and disclosures of harassment and/or abuse.

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____