



# School Safety Pledge

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

## I understand that:

- ✓ Every student has the right to a safe environment.
- ✓ I have an important role in school safety and violence prevention.
- ✓ The acceptance of individual differences strengthens my school.
- ✓ It is critical to immediately notify a trusted adult or OK2SAY of any threats of violence or suicide, or the possession or potential possession of a weapon or explosive device at school or a school activity.
- ✓ I have the power to end school violence through positive action rather than silent acceptance.

## I hereby pledge that:

- ✓ I will treat others with respect and kindness.
- ✓ I will respect the rules and take personal responsibility for creating and maintaining a safe school.
- ✓ I will take a positive stand against unwanted comments, verbal or physical taunts, or abuse directed towards another person for any reason (race, creed, gender, size, religion, socioeconomic status, etc.).
- ✓ I will alert a trusted adult if I see any abuse of technology to bully, tease, or hurt a classmate.
- ✓ I will be committed to a nonviolent resolution to conflicts.
- ✓ I will notify a trusted adult or OK2SAY of any threats of violence or suicide, or the possession or potential possession of a weapon or explosive device at school or a school activity.
- ✓ I will not bring a weapon or explosive device to school or a school activity.
- ✓ I will not use technology to send or post any insulting message, picture, or video.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# School Safety Pledge

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS

*Recognizing the important role that a parent or guardian plays in helping to maintain a safe learning environment at school, I hereby pledge that:*

- ✓ I will demonstrate respect for others and encourage discussion about the importance of tolerance towards those who have different beliefs from our own.
- ✓ I will take positive action against violence directed at any person, or any physical or verbal abuse based upon race, creed, gender, or any other characteristic.
- ✓ I will support violence prevention and safety promotion strategies in the schools and communities in my area.
- ✓ I will help the school develop programs to prevent and eliminate violence.
- ✓ I will support the school's policies on guns and weapons and focus upon the responsibilities we all have when dealing with guns and weapons.
- ✓ I will take seriously any reports of weapons or violence at school.
- ✓ I will immediately contact the school if my child tells me about any bullying activity, including inappropriate use of technology.
- ✓ I will model and encourage positive conflict management skills.
- ✓ I will discuss with my child the need for vigilance in the steps taken when reporting a suspicious incident.
- ✓ I will be a positive role model for my child and show respect and courtesy to all the students and staff at school.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

