

**Welfare****SEXTING**

Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) defines sexting as the act of sending or forwarding through cellular telephones and other electronic media sexually explicit, nude or partially nude photographs/images. It is M-DCPS' mission to ensure the social, physical, psychological, and academic well-being of all students. The educational purposes of the schools are best accomplished in a climate of student behavior that is socially acceptable and conducive to the learning and teaching process.

Standards for student behavior must be set cooperatively through interaction among the students, parents/legal guardians, staff and community members creating an atmosphere that encourages respect of individuals and groups. The District has a unique ability and responsibility to prevent sexting, promote awareness, engage parental and community support and train parents/families to regulate cyber activities. The act of sexting is prohibited and will not be tolerated. The policy addressing sexting will be enforced through the Code of Student Conduct.

The document, *Empowering Students to Engage in Positive Communication: A Guide to Combat Student Sexting Procedures Manual*, contains the District's directives and procedures relative to sexting. Copies of the document are on file for public reference in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, and the Citizen Information Center. Additionally, a copy shall be available at each Regional Center for inspection.

Specific Authority: 1001.41 (1), (2); 1001.42 (25); 1001.43 (10); F.S.  
Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 1001.41 (1), (2);  
1001.42 (8), (25); 1001.43 (10); F.S.

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