

TIPS:

Who Uses it?

STUDENTS:



One of the most frustrating things for a student can be when they reach out for help and nothing happens, or a situation even gets worse. With TIPS, students know the school is on their side. Students are more likely to share concerning information with adults if they are guaranteed total anonymity and know their reports will be received and investigated... not ignored.

TIPS lets students know that the school will do everything in their power to assess their situation and prevent it from happening again. All reports from students, staff and others must be met with an immediate investigation, decisive action, and fair consequences, in order for kids not to lose confidence in the school's capacity to act. With TIPS, students know school officials are serious and are taking proactive actions to prevent concerning behaviors.

"The most rewarding has been the voice TIPS has given to the students that are afraid to speak up. It has definitely empowered the less confident student."

PARENTS:



As a parent, you are your child's best advocate and partnering with your child's school as early as possible can help resolve the issue quickly and effectively to ensure your child's safety. The TIPS platform provides a simple and effective tool for parents to connect with their child's school, document all incidents and provide a clear audit trail of what the school knows and what actions were taken in response.

"With TIPS in place, parents are becoming more likely to support school intervention plans. Parents also more often believe the incident happened when it is on TIPS over having it reported in another form."

TEACHERS/STAFF:



Classroom bullying should not be overlooked. Teachers may feel they are handling or stopping conduct issues within the classroom, but they may not be aware of bigger problems brewing outside of class. It is important for teachers to report student safety incidents and concerning behaviors so school officials can connect the dots and proactively prevent. TIPS alleviates the burden on teachers of 'solving' all conduct problems in the classroom, getting reports to the appropriate personnel to take action.

A student's perception is their reality. Therefore, teachers, bus drivers, coaches, lunch room monitors, nurses, counselors and others need to identify and report all student safety-related behaviors. With TIPS, all incidents are documented and all related reports can be connected and investigated to ensure all individuals involved are monitored ongoing. Teachers and staff can also enter in all verbal reports so they are documented for future reference and assessment. TIPS provides school administrators access to on-demand reporting to see if/when reports are made, when team members received and acknowledged each report, and what steps were taken to address the situation. Team members collaborate through the platform to share ongoing findings and connect all the dots needed to ensure a safe and responsive approach.

SROs, truancy officers, IEP teams, bus drivers, student services, and other critical staff are all finding ways to utilize the TIPS platform to reduce time spent daily on parent calls, keeping track of reports manually in spreadsheets, files, etc. TIPS automates manual efforts and reduces daily tasks, allowing your staff to focus on their main priorities.

"We can be proactive and intervene appropriately, whether it's suspected bullying, harassment or fear that a student might take their own life."

ADMINISTRATORS/DISTRICTS:



Not seeing bullying doesn't mean it doesn't exist! Turning a blind eye is no longer okay. Federal OCR requirements state that if a school knows or reasonably should know about bullying or harassment, they are required to investigate the incident and take immediate action to stop the harassment and prevent its recurrence.

With TIPS, compliance to policy is seen in real time, through time stamped log entries, and action notes reported among team members. The ability to load mandated policy, customized training, updates to procedures, etc. in the TIPS Awareness Vault ensures everyone has access to risk and prevention guidance and makes TIPS a gold mine for districts trying to cut costs. Because the TIPS platform automates what was once a labor-intensive and expensive manual process of documentation, schools can be more efficient in their response, more collaborative in interventions, and more accountable to students and their families.

"That translates into keeping our students and staff safer and making our risk, incident, and policy management and training easy and thorough."

TIPS:

Real World Successes

Parent Reports Bullying of Child:

A parent used the TIPS reporting system to report incidents of physical bullying towards her daughter and several of her peers. The "bully" was so effective that the student was terrified at the sight of her in the hallway. Once parent completed report, we quickly got the elementary school administration to intervene/prevent further bullying from this female peer. This also gave the administrators an opportunity to provide school-wide awareness & education regarding bullying.

Student Reports Cyberbullying:

A female student completed a TIPS report online, with assistance from her school counselor. Incident initially began as "cyber-teasing" from another female peer at same school, teasing victim about a recent breakup with a male peer at same school. This occurred on FaceBook. Administrators were able to meet with victim & parent, provided information and counsel regarding safe use of social media sites online. Also provided middle school administration with an opportunity to raise student awareness of the effects of cyberbullying among students.



Teacher Reports Suicidal Concerns:

A high school teacher completed a TIPS report online, stating she was very concerned about the behavior of one of her English students. This female student had recently informed the teacher that she was thinking suicidal thoughts and was uncomfortable going to her next hour due to some of the students in the class. The HS Social Worker was notified, coordinated mental health services for student and family and provided a free assessment, which resulted in successful intervention and prevention of suicide.

Student Reports Physical Harassment on Bus:

High school male student completed a TIPS report online, stating that after school as he was getting off of the bus, several male came up to him and verbally threatened harm. The student's friend told him to stay on the bus, the bus driver also told him to stay on the bus and he would drop him at the next bus stop. The student was dropped at the next bus stop and he immediately went to a neighbor's house (his parents were not home, he was still very afraid), and he called his parents. His parents filed a police report that day. The following day he met with his vice principal, whom followed up with the Police Department. Law enforcement was able to apprehend 2 of the 4 males and successfully pressed charges for attempted assault/battery.

