RHASE- Sexual Harassment

* What is Sexual Harassment?

**The Law defines sexual harassment as:**

Any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or unwelcome behavior -- of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature -- that makes you feel uncomfortable, fearful or powerless, and interferes with your schoolwork.

Sexual harassment can happen to anyone.

* **What does “unwelcome” mean?**

*According to the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*"Conduct of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ nature is unwelcome when the student being harassed did not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the conduct and regarded it as offensive or undesirable."*

**Examples of Sexual Harassment**

* Sexual comments about a person’s body
* Sexual gestures
* Sexual (“dirty”) jokes
* Sexual touching
* Showing offensive sexual pictures, stories or objects/Sexual drawings
* Spreading rumors about another student’s sexual behavior
* Touching oneself in a sexual manner in front of others
* Name calling of a sexual nature

**What should you do?**

* Do not ignore sexual harassment.
* Tell the person you do not like their behavior and ask them to stop. If you feel you can’t tell them directly, write them a note.
* You need to tell your parents or guardians and/or tell a teacher, counselor or administrator at school.
* Talk to someone you trust about how you are feeling. Friends, parents or guardians, siblings, a trusted teacher, counselor or administrator can be helpful and provide the support that you need.
* Tell your teacher, counselor or principal that you are being sexually harassed. If you are not comfortable doing this, your parents or guardians can do this.

The school has a legal responsibility to respond to sexual harassment of its students.