



POR VIDA ACADEMY
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Prevention of Sexting Policy

Purpose: To outline the role of our schools in the awareness and prevention of sexting.

Policy: It is the policy of Por Vida Academy School District that students, parents and staff will be made aware of sexting and prevention of sexting.

Procedure:

1. Texas Senate Bill 407 was passed June 17, 2011, to address the issue of sexting between minors.
2. An individual is illegally engaging in sexting if he/she – knowingly or on purpose- send, show or keep a picture or video of a minor –including himself/herself –engaging in “sexual conduct”.
3. Possession of sexting material: having the actual care, custody, control or management of material that depicts another minor engaging in sexual conduct.
4. Promotion of sexting material: to procure, manufacture, issue, sell, give, provide, lend, mail deliver, transmit, publish, distribute, circulate, disseminate, exhibit or advertise, or agree to any of the above, sexually –explicit or sexually-suggestive images or video via mobile device or computer.
5. There are misdemeanor and felony conditions and penalties that can be applied by the law for possession and/or promotion of sexting.

6. Students who are found to be in possession or promotion of sexting material(s) will be reported to the principal or his/her designee.

7. The principal will conduct an investigation and report incident as required by law.

8. Por Vida School District will also make available an educational program to students, parents and staff on the prevention and awareness of sexting. This training that is required by law is available at: Before You Text: <http://beforeyoutext.com/>

9. Attached to this policy is a Sexting Brochure from the Office of the Attorney General of Texas.