

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Harassment and bullying in any form are unacceptable. Whether the harassment or bullying is physical, verbal, written, or more recently via the internet (“cyberbullying”), it is cruel and hurtful. Henry Viscardi School has a zero tolerance policy for this behavior.

Whenever or wherever harassment or bullying takes place, it affects students in school and becomes a school matter. This has been strongly reinforced by a law approved by the New York State Legislature and former Governor Cuomo which expands the Federal Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) with particular attention to harassment and bullying committed through electronic media.

The DASA coordinators (listed below) at Henry Viscardi School are trained in non-discriminatory instructional and counseling methods and in handling human relationships. Should you have any questions, please contact one of them or HVS Administration.

The Henry Viscardi School Code of Conduct and an Incident Report form are located on the school website (henryviscardischool.org) under the Bully/Harassment section. The section can be found under the student or parent drop down. ***We encourage you to utilize this report form if you become aware of any such incident.*** The DASA Coordinators will be notified through the website and will begin the investigation process immediately.

Please review this and explore the Bully/Harassment section of the website with your child. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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