



Administrative Office

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hello Parents,

We recognize that creating a safe learning environment is vital for students to achieve academic success. Sumter School District has an online system called **Sprigeo** that students can use to report school safety threats and bullying incidents. Signs are in your child's school promoting the use of Sprigeo (www.Sprigeo.com). The signs have this logo:



Sprigeo gives your child another medium for communicating with our school administration when bullying or school safety incidents occur. All information sent through the Sprigeo system goes directly to school administrators through a **secure online connection**. We prefer that your child report bullying and safety incidents immediately to a teacher or administrator, however, sometimes electronic reporting is more accessible, when the opportunity to report directly was not available.

How does the Sprigeo system work?

Students can access the reporting form directly through a link on your school's web site by hovering over "PARENTS" on the top bar, dropping down to "Report Bullying and Safety Concerns". Then with a click, the Sprigeo report is available. Students may also go to the Sprigeo.com web site. After completing the reporting form and clicking the "submit" button, the report details are sent in a secure email to our school administrators. Over 90% of students include their name when using the Sprigeo system. We encourage students and staff to include names so that our investigations of the reports can be more effective.

Does the school receive false reports?

Over 95% of reports sent through the Sprigeo system have been confirmed as authentic requests for help with a bullying incident or school safety threat. Unlike text messages or Facebook posts that can be shared among students, all Sprigeo reports are viewable only by school administrators and/or school counselors.

Why is there a need for an online reporting system?

The number one reason why children do not report bullying or abuse is the fear of retaliation from their peers. The Sprigeo reporting form can be accessed from the privacy of a home computer or other internet equipped device, eliminating the possibility of being identified by another student. **Paper copies of report forms are available upon request.**

The Sumter School District administrators value your child's safety and want to have every possible tool available for you to communicate safety concerns so. Please contact your child's principal if you have any concerns or questions regarding Sprigeo or reporting safety and bullying incidents.

Sincerely,


Sumter School District