

Summary & Discussion Guide:

Module 4 –On-Site Behavioral Boundaries-Elementary School (Part 1)

Our intention is to intercede **BEFORE** abuse happens rather than just report after the fact. Suggested Boundaries not only protect youth from potential abusers, they also protect educators and classified staff from being falsely accused.

Ban unprofessional behavior. Unprofessional behavior includes: (Source 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

- Off-color comments
- Being flirtatious
- Snapping bra straps or underwear
- Giving preferential treatment to a specific child
- Compliments about clothing, hair or make-up

Establish a no intimidations – no manipulation policy. (Source 1, 6, 7, 8)

- Variety of tactics used by child molesters to keep children silent
 - Threats of punishment
 - Manipulate child with gifts
 - Threaten to **HURT** family member, family pet or abuse their sibling

Physical touch to absolute minimum; off limits kinds of touch include: (Source 1, 9, 10)

- Kissing – even on the cheek, massage
- Stroking of hair or any other part of the body
- Front-to-front or front-to-back hugs, USE side hugs, high fives or fist bumps
- Sitting on laps, physical horseplay, piggy back rides or tickle games
- Assisted instruction that includes body-to-body touching such as batting or musical instruments

These limits on physical touching go in both directions – staff touching children or children touching staff. (Source 1,9, 10)

Limit medical exams and treatment. (Source 1)

- Staff members to treat minor injuries
- Dispensing of approved and properly packaged medications with a least two adults present
- Treatment of injuries and dispensing of medications should be done in openly observable area by other adults
- More involved medical procedures should be handled by outside medical professionals
- Special education student's medical treatment should be in accordance with IEP

Reflection Question:

1. Which of these boundaries are already in place formally or informally and what needs to change to better protect the kids in your care?



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Reading Materials

Science teacher reprimanded for making sex joke during physics lesson

(<http://www.walesonline.co.uk/news/wales-news/science-teacher-reprimanded-making-sex-11011185>)

Teacher arrested, accused of giving students wedgies (<http://nbc4i.com/2016/06/08/teacher-arrested-accused-of-giving-students-wedgies/>)

Choir teacher is arrested for INDECENCY after she did a videotaped cartwheel in front of students in a skirt and no underwear (<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4180686/Teacher-arrested-cartwheeling-students.html>)

"The affidavits describe the accounts of victims as young as 10 who say Dr. Nassar digitally penetrated them and molested them under the guise of performing medical treatment. Many were repeatedly assaulted over the course of years. <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/22/sports/olympics/usa-gymnastics-doctor-larry-nassar-sexual-assault-charges.html? r=0>