

What is Speak Up?

Speak Up is a 100% anonymous tip program that is part of the Crime Stoppers of Wichita and Sedgwick County program. **Speak Up** wants every student to know that telling isn't snitching. Telling is when you need to keep our schools, yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors or dangerous situations.

We know that students see and hear what is happening in and around their school...and often times, they have the information that is needed to keep bad things from happening. Silence is acceptance, but sometimes it doesn't seem safe to tell. ***Speak Up allows students to move away from a code of silence and take a stand!***

How does Speak Up work?

The Crime Stoppers in Schools program has partnered with *P3 Tips* for our secure tip reporting program. Tips are processed through their servers - stripping them of all links to IP Addresses and other identifying information before being forwarded to the school district's contacts. Students do not have to be on a district computer to leave a tip. *P3 Tips* is easy to use and is a highly secured application that is readily accessible from any computer.

The cool thing about *P3 Tips* is that even though it is completely secure and 100% anonymous, the program allows two-way dialogue with tipsters. The tipster is always given an alias and a unique ID before being forwarded to the district coordinator.

I want to Speak Up!

We encourage anyone that is a part of our school community to feel free to Speak Up! Students, parents, teachers and staff...anyone...can use **Speak Up**. There are THREE ways to leave a tip:

- To submit a tip online, go to www.usd266.com/speakup from any computer. Tipsters are even able to upload photos and video files.
- On your mobile device, download the free *P3 Tips* app from the App Store or Google Play and follow the onscreen prompts.
- Call (316) 267-2111.

Reasons students/staff/parents may contact **Speak Up**:

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| • Guns/Knives | • Threats | • Harassment |
| • Vandalism | • Fire Starting | • Explosives |
| • Sexual Assault | • Suicide Threats/Self Harm | • Animal Cruelty |
| • Fighting or Planned Fights | • Bullying | • Planned Parties |
| • Gangs | • Dating Violence/Stalking | • Assaults |
| • Skipping School | • School Threats/Hit Lists | • Domestic Violence |
| • Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco | • Stealing | • Teasing |
| • Child Abuse | • Sexual Misconduct | • Cheating/Plagiarism |

What happens next?

When tips are received by the **Speak Up** Coordinator, they are forwarded (electronically) to the contact person(s) designated at each school site on a daily basis. If the tip requires immediate attention, the information will immediately go to school officials (and law enforcement agencies, as appropriate.) Once tips are in the hands of the school's officials, they will handle the investigation and take action if needed.