



About STOPit

Ruidoso Municipal School District uses STOPit, an online and app-based system, to empower students, parents, teachers, and others to anonymously report anything of concern to school officials - from cyber-bullying to threats of violence or self-harm.

STOPit does more than just help schools address incidents and mitigate risk. STOPit will also help us go beyond reacting to bullying and inappropriate behavior and instead start deterring it. As young people continue to engage more with technology every day, Ruidoso Municipal School District (RMSD) is taking a proactive step to empower students to become proactive in our community in the way that they feel most comfortable. RMSD believes the adoption of STOPit is an important step in the continued effort to provide a positive school climate and a safe learning environment for students.

How to Report Your Concern:

With STOPit, users can submit anonymous reports containing text, photos, or video. Administrators are then able to manage incidents in a backend management system that provides efficient and powerful investigative tools to staff, including the ability to message with the reporter, which will allow RMSD to address issues instantly. There are two ways to access STOPit to make an anonymous report:

STOPit App - RHS and RMS students can use the STOPit App to make a report by following these steps:

- Download the app from the App Store or Google Play and use the district access code provided by their campus administrators.
- Click on your "STOPit" app.
- Select your school.
- Make your report.

Web-based Reporting - This reporting method is available for parents and elementary students. To make a web-based report, follow these steps:

- Visit your student's campus website.
- Click on the "STOPit" icon and choose your organization.
- Make your report.



Please keep in mind, STOPit is not an emergency response service. If you believe your call requires immediate police, fire, or paramedic response, call 9-1-1. STOPit does not provide counseling or clinical advice. If you feel you need this type of attention, please seek the assistance of a qualified clinical or medical professional.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Is STOPit really anonymous?

STOPit is truly anonymous. The school has no ability to identify the submitter of a report or message. At their discretion, an end-user may choose to voluntarily provide identifying information in the content of their report or message.

How does the STOPit mobile app work?

Once the STOPit mobile app is downloaded to the student's phone, it provides them with several powerful features. The Report feature can be used to anonymously submit an incident report consisting of an image, video, and/or text to school contacts who can respond to the incident and get help to the student in need. The STOPit mobile app also allows for anonymous two-way communication between students and school administrators with STOPit Messenger.

What happens after a STOPit report is made?

After a report is made in STOPit, the following steps are taken:

- The assigned school administrator will contact the parents of students involved to inform them of this report and begin the investigative process. During this process, the administrator will interview all students involved in the incident.
- When necessary, interim steps will be taken to ensure the safety of the targeted student while the investigation is taking place.
- The student who was targeted is encouraged to report any retaliation or continued mistreatment now or in the future to the AP, his/her parents, and/or the police (when necessary) immediately.
- After the investigation is complete and a plan of action has been determined, the administrator will contact the students and parents involved in the report to address the findings.
- Appropriate consequences will be given to the student committing the bullying behavior. (Note: the administrator is not allowed to share consequences with the parents of the targeted student.)
- The targeted student will be offered strategies for dealing with bullying.
- In order to provide extra support, the administrator will inform the counselor of the incident.
- Staff members (teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers, etc.) will be involved on a need-to-know basis only.

What student information does the school or user need to provide to STOPit?

None! STOPit does not require any end-user information whatsoever. Information provided by STOPit app users is also kept private and secure. Please read our Privacy Policy. To learn more about the commitment to keeping data provided by students safe, learn more about the Student Privacy Pledge, to which STOPit is a signatory.

Can STOPit be used by children under the age of 13?

The STOPit app (and its browser-based version) may be used by children under the age of 13. RMSD urges parents to contact the school's administration to learn more about how the school uses STOPit and the data we provide them.

What information do you collect or share about my child, and what are my rights as a Parent?

RMSD only discloses your child's information to third parties which are required as part of the



services that STOPit provides, and as described in our Children's Privacy Policy. To learn more about our commitment to keeping data provided by students safe, learn more about the Student Privacy Pledge, to which STOPit is a signatory. As a parent, you have the right to review the personal information that we collect from your child who is under the age of 13. You may also request that RMSD delete this information and refuse to allow any further collection or use of your child's information. If you would like to exercise any of these rights, or have any questions regarding your child's use of STOPit, RMSD urges you to first contact officials at your child's school, which has provided them with access to STOPit, and RMSD may direct you to them. You may also contact your school's administrator. RMSD may ask you to provide additional details, including verification of your parental status, to protect your child's privacy. Please read our Children's Privacy Policy.

Who receives the reports my child submits via STOPit?

Reports and Messenger messages will be received by the contacts designated by the school and district administrators.

Can I as a parent, teacher or community member use the app to report incidents?

Yes, parents, teachers and community members can make an anonymous report via the STOPit app or through the desktop reporting link.

I have additional questions about STOPit. Who can I contact?

For more information about the District's implementation of STOPit, contact your school's Principal.