

CATEGORY: Addressing sexting manipulation between students	Case Study # 7
TITLE: Absentee parenting	DATE: 12-21-2014
SUB-TITLE: Peer-on-peer abuse	
LOCATION: Asia	
<p>A 15 year-old student was living on an international research organization campus in Asia, where his father was a scientist. The school was also on the same campus. The father got a promoted position and left the country to return to Africa about three months before the end of the school year. The mother had remained in the homeland from the start, thus the boy was left alone. The father did not inform the school he was leaving.</p> <p>Once the Principal found out, he insisted that a guardian be appointed for the boy. A family on campus volunteered happily to ‘keep an eye’ on him. The Principal insisted on a signed document stating they were ‘legal guardians’.</p> <p>The boy spent chunks of time on his own, as he was preparing for exams and had some study leave. He also had a girlfriend, who was a student at the school. The Principal discovered that the boy was emotionally abusive and manipulative of the girl. She sent him compromising pictures of herself and he threatened to distribute them electronically.</p> <p>The guardians and the parents of the girl, with the help of the Principal dealt with the situation. It came to light that the boy’s father had many women and children from different women and the boy had been left to fend for himself many times throughout his life, resulting in serious emotional issues. Eventually, the school year ended and the boy flew back to his home country.</p> <p>Upon review of the situation, the school administration realized that the school had no policies in place to address these issues.</p>	
<p>QUESTIONS-COMMENTS-CAVEATS: See the 30 Guiding Questions</p>	