

## Manchester Incident

While at Manchester Jr. High, I had to deal with an incident with inappropriate behavior in my seventh grade classes. The incident occurred with several of my seventh grade girls and boys. They were making a game called “rape tape” where they would stick duct tape on each other which meant they raped them. This behavior was happening in my classroom and I thought it was very inappropriate. At first, I tried talking to several of my students about the game. I made sure they knew that I was just looking for information, and that the game was highly inappropriate. I explained to them why a game such as this would offend some individuals, and asked them why they think they should stop playing the game. Since I could not peg which student had started this game, I felt it was my duty to take further action. After conferring with my cooperating teacher, I emailed my principal explaining the situation and telling her that if she wanted to meet me to discuss it more to let me know. She emailed me, thanking me for bringing the situation to her attention and explaining that she let the guidance counselor know what was going on. Some of my students were taken down to guidance, and the situation was defused. I believe I handled the situation well. I took the proper means necessary to make sure the right people knew about the situation before it got out of hand. After I let my principal know about the problem, the problem no longer existed. I did not hear any more about the game and the duct tape disappeared from my student’s clothing. I feel this experience helped prepare me for conflicts in my future classroom.