

Armstrong Academy Elementary

2021 - 2022 School Behavior Plan Summary

The purpose of this plan is to communicate our school's efforts to one, build and maintain a culture of positive student behavior; and two, to address the serious issues of bullying, suicide, and substance abuse prevention. This plan addresses state requirements found in: § 53G-9-602, § 53G-10-407, R277-400-8, R277-609-2, R277-622-3, and R277-609-4.

District Commitment: Every school in Granite School District will offer a learning environment where safety, responsibility, and respect prevail and where every student receives support toward achieving academic goals and personal aspirations.

Section 1: Schoolwide Tier I Positive Behavior Expectations



Armstrong Academy Elementary uses Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS), which is a district and state supported behavior program. As part of our PBIS we proactively teach and reinforce these behavioral expectations to all students and staff and throughout all areas of the school.

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How/when expectations are taught	How expectations are <i>reinforced</i>	How behaviors are <i>corrected</i>
* School-wide BOY Rotations * School-wide January Rotations * Armstrong in Action Assemblies on first four Fridays of SY * Regular classroom reminders * Posters throughout classrooms and school * Morning Circle Time	* Classroom Dojo Points (teachers) * Lunchroom Dojo Points (admin) * Moon Bucks (admin, teachers to classes that are not their own) * Weekly Top Eagle from each classroom * Monthly Star Student from each classroom * Morning Circle Time	* Classroom reinforcement (think time, make amends, loss of privilege) * Chronic or major behaviors are addressed by admin and expectations retaught * Minor incidents documented in Ed Handbook by classroom teachers * Major incidents documented in Ed Handbook to be addressed by administration * Student Support Team helps teachers with behavior interventions * SW and Administration work as a team to apply restorative justice principles.

Pro-social activities or programs that provide a positive extracurricular involvement for students:

- * Moon Buck Parties (given to classes who earn 30 moon bucks)
- * Star Student Lunch with the principal
- * Top Eagle trophy in the lunchroom
- * Lunchroom Trophy for classes in each grade with the most weekly Dojo points
- * Tennis and Tutoring
- * Lego League
- * Code Club
- * Rocketeers
- * Safety Patrol



Section 2: Bullying Prevention



Our school is committed to protecting students from all forms of bullying including cyber-bullying, hazing, and retaliation. Our students have the right to a safe, caring, and respectful learning environment in which all students can realize their maximum potential and fully engage in the learning process. Our goal is to raise awareness of bullying as an unacceptable form of behavior (*prevention*) and to have measures in place to deal with bullying behavior when it occurs (*intervention*).

Bullying Defined	Resources
Bullying includes these three components and can include <i>bullying</i> , <i>cyber-bullying</i> , <i>hazing</i> , and <i>retaliation</i> : 1. Unwanted or aggressive behavior involving a real or perceived power imbalance 2. Intent to hurt, intimidate, humiliate, or cause harm - AND- 3. The behavior is repeated or has significant potential to be repeated -OR- a single egregious event	District Bully Prevention Information & Resources What happens when bullying is reported? Stop Bullying Now Granite District Bullying and Hazing Policy SafeUT

Teaching, reinforcing, and correcting our positive behavior expectations described in Section 1 are key components of our bully prevention plan. In addition to the schoolwide expectations, we have specific bully prevention practices that address bullying incidents and give support for students who have been targeted. Following is a summary of those practices:

How bullying prevention is taught	Steps taken when bullying is reported	School supports for targeted students
* Don't Stand By, Be An Ally class presentations: Revisited throughout the year. * Social and Emotional (SEL) lessons taught by social worker and psychologist to both whole classes and small groups: Taught throughout the year. * Stop, Walk, and Talk Training: Taught throughout the year. * Every administrative/student visit is used to revisit bullying prevention.	* Administration addresses with both parties. * Social worker and psychologist work with classes and students where bullying is reported. * Meet with students to insure full understanding of situation/action plan. * Work with parents to create solutions.	* Structured Routines * Targeted support from BHA, SW, Psych. ex. CICO & Regular Meetings. * Work with classroom teachers for Tier I and Tier II support for students.

All reported incidents of bullying are taken seriously and are investigated by or in collaboration with a school administrator following the steps listed above. Incidents are documented on Educator's Handbook (our school's behavior tracking system) and/or on Discovery (our district's student information system).



When a teacher or other school personnel becomes aware of a bullying incident this information is promptly given to school administration. Additionally, we encourage anybody who is targeted by bullying, witnesses bullying, or is aware of bullying occurring to report it to a school administrator, a school counselor/teacher, other trusted adult, or by using the SafeUT app.



Section 3: Suicide Prevention



Understanding the issues concerning suicide and mental health is an important way to take part in suicide prevention, help others in crisis, and change the conversation around suicide. In our school, age appropriate curriculum is used to teach students how to identify risk factors and warning signs of suicide, and how to help if they or someone they know may be thinking of self-harm. Reports of suicidal ideation are reported to administration to provide supports and communication to student and family. The Student Support referral and documentation process is followed.

How and when our school teaches suicide awareness	How our school responds to reports of suicidal ideation
* Class Circle Time: Once a Year by SW * Yellow Ribbon Week sponsored by the PTA	* Classroom teacher works with SST to build interventions for student. * Support from school SW and psychologist. * Work with parent to build strong support system between home and school. * Provide list of outside resources to support student beyond school.

Section 4: Substance Abuse Prevention



The Granite School District and Armstrong Academy Elementary are committed to the prevention of drug, alcohol, tobacco, and E-cigarettes/vaping use by our students and are aware of the connection and affect these have on physical and mental health and on learning. A key component is INCREASING protective factors and REDUCING risk factors in a student's life. As with other behavior expectations, our school teaches, reinforces, and corrects substance abuse prevention and follows the district substance abuse policy.

Substance abuse prevention learning	Consequences of violation	Substance abuse prevention resources
* Red Ribbon Week sponsored by school PTA. * Mindfulness and Coping Skills taught to whole classes by social worker: Taught throughout the year. * SafeUT training available for all students. * Prevention materials available and promoted by administration.	Possession/Use: 1st Offense Suspension, Quit course 2nd Offense Alternative placement 3rd Offense Prolonged alternative placement Selling/Distributing: Alternative placement for 90 school days	For Marijuana Talk Kit Parents: Parents Empowered Partnership for Drug-Free Kids For NIDA for Teens Students: Above the Influence Just Think Twice For Educators: Foundation for a Drug-Free World Prevention Dimensions Curriculum NIDA Educator Resources



Section 5: SST and Tier II & III Interventions



An important part of our School Behavior Plan is the role of the Student Support Team (*SST*). The SST meets weekly and reviews applicable schoolwide student behavior and/or academic data in Educators Handbook, Gradebook, and Discovery as well as district provided reports such as the SHARP Survey to review the effectiveness of the School Behavior Plan and suggest modifications when needed. Administration regularly shares important behavior and misconduct data with teachers and staff.

The SST also works to identify students and/or groups of students who need additional levels of behavior supports and interventions. Below is a list of our Tier II (*Focussed Supports*) and our Tier III (*Intensive Supports*) interventions.

Tier II Interventions	Tier III Interventions
* Check-in/Check-out * Behavior Contracts * Social Skills Groups * Use of the Behavior Strategy Menu booklet provided by GSD to identify appropriate interventions for individual students. * Introduction of Positive Discipline (Restorative Practices) curriculum by social worker for teachers.	* Behavior Intervention Plans * IEPs and 504s * Targeted sessions with school social worker/psychologist. * BHA support for breaks, mindfulness, social skills practice. * Providing resources to parents and community to teach/practice skills at home.

Section 6: Communicating Plan

This plan is updated annually and made available on our website at the beginning of each school year and is also disseminated to patrons and school staff.

Patrons:	* School website * School Facebook page * Community Council	Staff:	* PBIS Committee involved in process and training of grade levels * SST Training at the beginning of each year * Faculty Meeting reminders throughout
			the year

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