

# **Hunter Junior High**

# 2023 - 2024 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



Hunter Junior High 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.

Graduate of Granite: Hard Work and Resilience, Communication, Respect, Responsibility, Dependability

How/when expectations are <i>taught</i>	How expectations are <i>reinforced</i>	How behaviors are <i>corrected</i>
<ul><li>Opening assemblies</li><li>Advisory periods</li><li>Morning announcements</li></ul>	Students receive points using an app called PBIS Rewards. Teachers scan their ID or manually look up students to assign points. Students spend points at the school store.	Verbal warning/redirection Refocus sheet Think Time Form Parent Contact Office Referral Behavior Interventions (Trackers)

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

Peer Leaders, clubs, intramurals, performing arts, weekly assemblies during advisory



### 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
Bullying prevention is taught through  • social and emotional learning programs in advisory  • digital citizenship lessons  • Assemblies.	<ul> <li>Administration is notified</li> <li>Incident investigated</li> <li>Interview students involved</li> <li>Review supporting         evidence (social media         posts, security camera         footage, etc.) Parents are         notified of the incident and         findings</li> <li>Appropriate consequences         are assigned.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Seat changes</li> <li>Class changes (as necessary)</li> <li>No-contact contract</li> <li>Counseling referral</li> <li>Additional supervision</li> </ul>

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 Focus (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 meetings
- Safe UT, Newsletter
- Social Emotional learning during advisory
- Website
- Taught through Health curriculum

- Meet with student
- Contact parents/guardian
- MTSS referral
- UNI Crisis line
- Follow up with SW/Psych.

#### Section 4: Substance Abuse Prevention



The Granite School District and Hunter Junior High 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
Safe/QUIT Course Health class Counselor Presentations	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense   Alternative placement	For Parents:	Marijuana Talk Kit Parents Empowered Partnership for Drug-Free Kids
Social emotional learning lessons Safe UT training		For Students:	NIDA for Teens Above the Influence
		Otadonio.	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
Behavior contract Refocus form Think time Parent contact Grade level teaming Meeting with counselor/administrator	In School Suspension MTSS referral 504/IEP Behavior Plan Check and Connect Additional supervision One-on-one reteaching

### 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: Newsletter

Community council meetings

Website

Text messages

Staff: Faculty meetings

E-mails Trainings

For more information or questions regarding our school behavior plan, please contact:

Chris Jones - Assistant Principal | cajones@graniteschools.org | 385-646-3422

