

Valley Junior High

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



Valley 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.

PRIDE - Positive, Respect, Improvement, Dependable, Effort

How/when expectations are taught	How expectations are <i>reinforced</i>	How behaviors are <i>corrected</i>
School is decorated with flyers that promote the behavior expectations. PBIS "Liger bucks" include the reason why the student received the bucks and data is collected in that regard. During advisory, monthly, expectations are reviewed through videos, in class, and intercom regularly.	Our PBIS Decision Tree Model includes initiatives that are PBIS centered to enforce and reinforce expectations daily.	Negative behaviors are corrected through PBIS initiatives. Refocus Sheets, Think Time Forms, Parent Contact, and finally office referrals are part of the Decision Tree Model implemented here at Valley. Behavior Management Strategies are implemented through: proximity, seat change, one-on-one conferences, student contracts, non-verbal cues, stress balls, Chill Passes, and After School Detentions.

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

PBIS End of quarter activities include water-balloon fight, movies, carnival day, Liger Run, etc. Also included are weekly drawings for zero tardies for the week.



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
During Advisory, bullying prevention and strategies are taught using our time built into the advisory schedule. The student handbook also includes bullying/harrassment under PBIS Respect.	Depending on who the initial report comes to, a teacher can report to a counselor or administrator. The administration will investigate the report and take the appropriate steps required.	Counselor, Social Worker, Psychologist, MTSS.

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
During SEL lessons during Advisory and is part of the Health curriculum as well.	Student Support Form, MTSS meeting, parent contact

Section 4: Substance Abuse Prevention



The Granite School District and Valley 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
Health curriculum, Coping Skills training through SEL, Safe UT Training	ng through SEL, Safe UT 1st Offense Suspension, Quit course	For Parents:	Marijuana Talk Kit Parents Empowered Partnership for Drug-Free Kids NIDA for Teens
		Students: For Educators:	Above the Influence Just Think Twice 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
Focus sessions based on the need seen throughout	No-Contact contracts, Behavior Contracts, Counseling Services (Psychologist, Counselor, and Social Worker), 504, IEP

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: Email, Webpage, Social Media, Community Council, PTA

Staff: Faculty meetings, weekly emails

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