

# Western Hills Elementary

## 2022 - 2023 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



Western Hills 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.

### R.O.A.R. - Respect, Ownership, Active Engagement, Responsibility

How/when expectations are taught	How expectations are <i>reinforced</i>	How behaviors are <i>corrected</i>
-Orientation -Class Meetings-Community Circles -School-Wide Videos -Daily Reminders on Announcements -Classroom and Hallway Posters -Informal Discussions -Assemblies -Notes Home	-School Store -Monthy 'R.O.A.R' Awards -ROAR Winners Displayed -Drawings -200 Club -Class Rewards	Step 1: Verbal Redirection Step 2: Stop and Think Step 3: Stop and Go Step 4: Parent Contact Step 5: Office Referral

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

- -Classroom Community Circles
- -Weekly SEL Lesson from School Social Worker
- -Lunch Recess Service Opportunities
- -LIA Tudoring Connections
- -School Choir



### 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
-Assemblies -Parent Flyers, info on website, etcUse 'Don't Stand By, Be An Ally' program -'Stop, Walk, and Talk' training -'Safe and Caring Schools' social emotional curriculum -'BotVin Life Skills' training -Social Media/Digital Safety lessons	1. Administration/counselor notified 2. Incident investigated 3. Meet with students individually 4. Parents notified 5. Next steps decided (restorative practices)	-Chill pass -Social worker referral -Safety plan created -Open-door policy for parents and students to share or seek additional supports -Buddy box -No contact contract -Structured recess -Victims procedures- student support form

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
Safe UT Lessons for upper grade students SEL Curriculum	-Parent/student meeting -Referred to social worker -SST referral -List of outside resources given to parents -District Supports on this plan

#### Section 4: Substance Abuse Prevention



The Granite School District and Western Hills 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
-Safe and Caring Schools curriculum -Red Ribbon Week  1st Off 2nd Off	Possession/Use:  1st Offense   Suspension, Quit course 2nd Offense   Alternative placement	For Parents:	Marijuana Talk Kit Parents Empowered Partnership for Drug-Free Kids
-Counselor Presentations -Mindfulness -SafeUT training	3rd Offense   Prolonged alternative placement  Selling/Distributing: Alternative placement for 90 school days	For Students:	NIDA for Teens 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 -Social skills groups -Check and Connect School-based Mentoring if applicable -Reteach groups -Self-management -Behavior contract	-Behavior contract -Individualized Behavior Intervention Plan (B.I.P.) -504 -IEP -School-based Counseling (School Social Worker/School Psychologist) -Assigned para assistance (BHA-Behavior Health Assistant)

#### 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 Newsletter Staff: -Teacher trainings & committee meetings -Back to school packet -Faculty meetings

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-Community Council meetings

-Titel 1 Parent Meeting

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