

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Part I – Public Components

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Purpose of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP)

Sections 32280-32288 of the California Education Code outline the requirements of all schools operating any kindergarten and any grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to write and develop a Comprehensive School Safety Plan relevant to the needs and resources of that particular school.

It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting the provisions to support California public schools as they develop their mandated Comprehensive School Safety Plans that are the result of a systematic planning process, that include strategies aimed at the prevention of, and education about, potential incidents involving crime and violence on school campuses. Comprehensive School Safety Plans are required under SB 719 & AB 115 and must contain the following elements:

- Assessment of school crime committed on school campuses and at school-related functions
- Child abuse reporting procedures
- Disaster procedures
- Suspension and expulsion policies
- Procedures to notify teachers of dangerous pupils
- Discrimination and harassment policies
- School wide dress code policies
- Procedures for safe ingress and egress
- Policies enacted to maintain a safe and orderly environment
- Rules and procedures on school discipline
- Hate crime reporting procedures

The Comprehensive School Safety Plan will be reviewed and updated by March 1st every year. In January every year, the school will report on the status of its school safety plan including a description of its key elements in the annual School Accountability Report Card (SARC).

A copy of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan Public Version – Part I is available for review at the Santa Cruz City Schools office, and online at sccs.net.

Plan Development and Approval

The Santa Cruz City Schools Comprehensive School Safety Plan has been developed by:

- X School Site Council
- School Safety Planning Committee

Which includes the following members:

Name	Membership Role
Kris Munro	Superintendent
Clyde Curley	Principal from Santa Cruz City Schools
Deutron Kebebew	Parent whose child attends the School
Gail Mabrouk	Classified Employee
Trevor Kendall	Law Enforcement Agency Representative
Maria Diaz	Other

Key Dates of Plan Development and Approval	Date(s)
Meeting with representative of law enforcement agency to develop the Plan	December 14, 2023
Meeting at the school site to allow members of the public the opportunity to review and express opinions about the Plan	December 20, 2023
School Site Council approval of the Plan	December 20, 2023
School District Board approval of the Plan	February 22, 2024
Submission to Santa Cruz County Office of Education for audit review	March 1, 2024

Current Status of School Crime

This section presents data that will be analyzed to assess the current status of school crime committed on the Santa Cruz City Schools campuses and at school-related functions. Data presented include:

Small Schools	Costanoa							
	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Suspensions (Total #)					27	1	2	9
Expulsions (Total #)					1	0	0	0
No Suspension or Expulsion (Total #)					1		5	
Students Who Committed an Offense (Total Undup #)					13		6	10
Offenses Committed (Total #)					29		8	27
Chronic Absentee Rate (%)					60%	52%	72%	74%
Discipline for Bullying and Harassment (Total #)					0	0	0	0
Discipline for Fighting/Physical Harm (Total #)					2	1	1	2
Discipline for Substance Abuse (Total #)					11	0	1	
Incidents involvement Law Enforcement (Total #)	N/A	N/A	1	2	1	0	1	0

22-23 data as of 3/13/2023; Discipline for Bullying and Harassment and Discipline for Fighting/Physical Harm counts are by unduplicated incident ID number, not student counts. Suspensions and Expulsions include In-School & Out-of-School Suspensions, total counts
 19-20 data from 7.13 Incident by Offense report, includes non-suspension/expulsion incident outcomes; S/E data from 7.11 Incident Results Count
 18-19 data from 7.1 Count by Most Severe Offense report, includes suspension/expulsion and non S/E incidents; S/E data from 7.3 Disciplinary Actions report
 17-18 and prior years' data from 7.1 Count by Most Severe Offense report, only includes suspension/expulsion incidents; S/E data from 7.3 Disciplinary Actions report
 Absenteeism data from 14.1 Student Absenteeism reports
 Law enforcement data extracted from Student Information System; sites documented law enforcement involvement in the details of the incident, rather than using consequence code, thus preventing correct reporting to CALPADS
 Law enforcement data not available in CALPADS until 19-20

Findings from the analysis of the data presented above include:

The chronic absentee rate increased 26% from 2020-21 to 2021-22 school year. Our weekly attendance/counseling team continues to hold weekly/attendance counseling team meetings to combat chronic absenteeism and reduce the

rate and improve attendance. School staff works closely with the Student Services Department to facilitate appropriate referrals to the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB).

The number of expulsions has remained very low over the past four years.

The number of suspensions decreased significantly in 2020-21; however, students were not on campus until April, 2021. Costanoa employs a wide variety of alternative means of correction, as well as a coordinated system of Restorative Justice practices which contribute greatly to a low suspension/expulsion rate. The suspension rate stayed low in the 2021-22 school year.

School Safety Strategies and Programs

Santa Cruz City Schools is committed to school safety for all students, staff, and visitors. Many strategies and programs provide and maintain a high level of school safety.

School Vision/Mission Statement

INSPIRED PURPOSE--We personalize education for every student.

MISSION--We are a small and diverse community that supports students' academic and personal growth. Students learn through integrated thematic instruction, participate in experiential learning, develop a foundation in positive socioemotional practices, and build connections to Cabrillo College.

Providing a safe learning environment is a priority for staff, parents, students, and school community members. Santa Cruz City Schools prepares students to be self-disciplined and responsible citizens who can meet the challenge of living in an ethnically and socio-economically diverse community. Santa Cruz City Schools promotes caring and nurturing relationships and work cooperatively with parents, students, law enforcement representatives, and other community agencies. Santa Cruz City Schools stresses prevention of violence on campus and prepares students to handle conflict, anger, and other threats to safety.

Programs are implemented to prevent drug, alcohol, and tobacco use. The Santa Cruz City Schools discipline policy provides students with behavior guidelines that are aligned to the California Education Code and district policies. School-wide rules, classroom rules, the dress code, and consequences for rule infractions provide students with clear expectations for behavior. The focus is to reduce barriers to learning as well as to build protective factors leading to student success, both academically and socially.

Intervention and prevention programs focus on positive youth development. Santa Cruz City Schools implements programs to create a positive school climate and promote social-emotional learning using research-based strategies. Santa Cruz City Schools implements multi-tiered systems of support/response to intervention for students that promote high expectations, maintain student engagement in school, and provide systems for student success.

Strategies and programs unique to Santa Cruz City Schools that provide a safe learning environment for all students, including LGBTQ students.

All Costanoa teaching staff have received extensive training on positive discipline, trauma-informed school principles and practices, and restorative justice tenets and practices. Costanoa students participate in weekly community building, social-emotional learning, and co-create classroom expectations with their teachers. Teachers explicitly teach self-regulation strategies to their students and practice them as appropriate.

Costanoa students are at the heart of weekly discussions in our attendance/counseling meeting. Both principals, the school community coordinator, a district nurse, a district social worker, the school counselor, the mental health counselor, and the school psychologist participate in this intervention-seeking, solutions-based approach to supporting students with attendance and/or social-emotional issues.

A Mental Health Specialist is on campus full time and is available to students as needed. The MHS supports students with mental health emergencies, coordinates small groups for counseling, and networks with service providers to provide on going support.

Substance use has been identified as a concern for Costanoa students. We are partnering with PVPSA and Encompass to provide substance use counseling services for students. Efforts to have a substance use counselor on campus regularly are being explored.

To specifically address support for LGBTQ+ students, a teacher facilitates a Queer Student Alliance with weekly meetings open to all students. Additionally, administration, students and staff work with the Safe Schools Project to assess progress towards model school practices. Programing for students and staff around addressing micro-aggressions and respectful use of pronouns have been identified as areas for growth and focus. Activities are made available to students throughout the school year to promote safety and inclusion of all LGBTQ+ students.

Santa Cruz City Schools is implementing CatapultEMS, an emergency management and communication platform. CatapultEMS is a centralized tool for SCCS district, site, and law enforcement to use to communicate with each other in real-time during an emergency. Additionally, CatapultEMS updates all SCCS staff and student daily, so in the event of an actual emergency, staff can utilize CatapultEMS during drills, evaluations, and reunification. CatapultEMS also includes an anonymous bully and threat reporting option for students, teachers, and families to report any situations through SCCS website. Once submitted, our SCCS district safety team and site safety team are notified via text and email so we can address and respond to all anonymous reports in a timely & responsive manner. All staff have been trained in SCRS procedures.

Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

(EC 35294.2 [a] [2]; PC 11166)

All school staff members actively monitor the safety and welfare of all students. Staff members understand their responsibility as child-care custodians and will immediately report all cases of known and suspected child abuse pursuant to Penal Code Section 11166. District employees who are mandated reporters, as defined by law and administrative regulation, are obligated to report all known or suspected incidents of child abuse and neglect.

Penal Code 11166. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (d), and in Section 11166.05, a mandated reporter shall make a report to an agency specified in Section 11165.9 whenever the mandated reporter, in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment, has knowledge of or observes a child whom the mandated reporter knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse or neglect. The mandated reporter shall make an initial report by telephone to the agency immediately or as soon as is practicably possible, and shall prepare and send, fax, or electronically transmit a written follow up report within 36 hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. The mandated reporter may include with the report any non-privileged documentary evidence the mandated reporter possesses relating to the incident.

Plans are also completed to assure ongoing monitoring of the student. School staff work closely with police and Child Protective Services with follow up actions as needed. Considerable effort is made to maintain the confidentiality of the student and employee in all cases of child abuse reporting. Copies of all written reports are maintained in a confidential file in the principal's office. Board Policy 5141.4 addresses Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting and is included in the Appendix of the Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Training Schedule

Santa Cruz City Schools will provide all students and staff with emergency/disaster preparedness training in a variety of procedures according to the following schedule:

Training	Date(s)
Fire Procedures	8/9/2023--4 per year, 9/16/23, 12/9/23, 1/12/24, 3/24/24
Lock Down Procedures	8/9/2023--2 per year, 9/28/23, 3/5/24
Code Red Procedures	8/9/2023--1 per year 3/18/24
Shelter in Place Procedures	8/9/2023--1 per year, 4/26/24
Earthquake Emergency Procedures	8/9/2023--2 per year, 9/23/22, 4/23/24

Procedures for Emergency Use by Public Agency – BP 3516

As documented in Board Policy 3516, public agencies, including the American Red Cross, have permission to use school buildings, grounds, and equipment for mass care and welfare shelters during disasters or other emergencies affecting the public health and welfare. The Board will cooperate with such agencies in furnishing and maintaining whatever services they deem necessary to meet the community's needs. Board Policy 3516 is included in the Appendix.

Suspension/Expulsion Policies – BP 5144.1

As documented in Board Policy 5144.1, the school desires to provide students access to educational opportunities in an orderly school environment that protects their safety and security, ensures their welfare and well-being, and promotes their learning and development. Rules and regulations set the standards of behavior expected of students and the disciplinary processes and procedures for addressing violations of those standards, including suspension and/or expulsion. Board Policy 5144.1 is included in the Appendix.

All teachers have been given access to student behavior incidents.

Procedures to Notify Teachers of Dangerous Pupils – BP 4158

As documented in Board Policy 4158, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that employees are informed, in accordance with law, regarding crimes and offenses by students who may pose a danger in the classroom. Board Policy 4158 is included in the Appendix.

A red flag with the number 49079 will be visible near students name in Infinite Campus. This is the CA Education code that requires schools to inform teachers of students who has engaged in, or is reasonably suspected to have engaged in any dangerous acts within the last three years.

Nondiscrimination/Harassment Policy – BP 5145.3

As documented in Board Policy 5145.3, the Board of Education desires to provide a safe school environment that allows all students equal access and opportunities in the district's academic and other educational support programs, services, and activities. The Board prohibits, at any district school or school activity, unlawful discrimination, including discriminatory harassment, intimidation, and/or bullying of any student, based on actual or perceived characteristics of race or ethnicity, color, nationality, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or any other characteristic identified in Education

Code 200 or 220, Penal Code 422.55, or Government Code 11135, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Board Policy 5145.3 is included in the Appendix.

Strategies and programs unique to Santa Cruz City Schools that provide a safe school environment for all students, including LGBTQ students.

During staff meetings throughout each Fall semester, the administrators provided training focused on the Santa Cruz City Schools' policies regarding nondiscrimination and sexual harassment. To specifically address support for LGBTQ+ students, a teacher facilitates a Queer Student Alliance with weekly meetings open to all students. Additionally, administration, students and staff work with the Safe Schools Project to assess progress towards model school practices. Programming for students and staff around addressing micro-aggressions and respectful use of pronouns have been identified as areas for growth and focus. Activities are made available to students throughout the school year to promote safety and inclusion of all LGBTQ+ students.

Dress Code – BP 5132

As documented in Board Policy 5132, the Board of Education believes that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment. The Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate. Students' clothing must not present a health or safety hazard or a distraction which would interfere with the educational process. Students are prohibited from wearing gang-related apparel when there is evidence of a gang presence that disrupts or threatens to disrupt the school's activities. Board Policy 5132 is included in the Appendix.

Costanoa follows the Board Policy related to dress code. The "Costanoa Rights and Responsibilities" document also outlines further dress code restrictions. These restrictions are described here:

- Clothing that is too revealing of skin or undergarments.
- Items with references to drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or violent, sexual, or disrespectful words or images.
- Gang-related signs, symbols, or excessive colors. Red, blue or otherwise gang trend colors on hats, bandannas, shoelaces, gloves, socks, backpacks or belts.
- Hats, beanies, or knit caps associated with specific gangs.

Rules and Procedures for School Discipline – BP 5144

As documented in Board Policy 5144, the Board of Education is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and positive school environment which is conducive to student learning and to preparing students for responsible citizenship by fostering self-discipline and personal responsibility. The Board believes that high expectations for student behavior, use of effective school and classroom management strategies, provision of appropriate intervention, provision of appropriate intervention and support, and parent involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

Costanoa advisors, the counselor, and the principal use an agreement system with students to support those students who are not making adequate progress related to attendance, work production or behavior. Any staff member can create a first level agreement with a student, but the student's advisor usually does this.

Attendance:

Advisor calls home as soon as attendance is a concern. The first truancy letter is sent to the parent. The advisor will call the parent to schedule a conference to develop a plan of action. If a student gets the second truancy letter, parent and student will meet with the principal and advisory teacher. The student creates a first-level agreement with advisory teacher outlining needed interventions. The advisory teacher monitors the student's attendance. If a student receives

the third truancy letter, the student may be referred to School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Attendance agreements last until the end of the school year.

Lack of Work Production:

If a student is not working to reach at least minimum academic requirements (12.5 credits per quarter), the student will create a first level agreement with his/her advisor. Student and advisor meet to develop a plan of action (agreement) to support student's work production including a daily progress report, if needed. Both the advisor and student sign the agreement, and parent is contacted in person, by email, or by telephone. If student is not helped by first agreement interventions, he/she will create a second level agreement with his/her advisor. Student, parent, and school community coordinator/principal meet to design and sign the second level agreement. The student may be removed from an agreement IF he/she has been recommended to exit the agreement to the staff member(s) that created the agreement with the student. If the student is not successful with the second level agreement, the student will create a third and final agreement with the principal. If the interventions are not successful and the agreement conditions are not met, an alternative education setting that can better meet the student's academic needs will be considered.

Behavior:

Follows similar path and guidelines as a lack of work production agreement.

Staff, including admin, approach discipline from a perspective that 'mistakes are opportunities to learn' and include making amends a critical part to every disciplinary event. We believe that by establishing authentic relationships, co-created agreements, and regular community-building opportunities are the best ways to prevent referrals and disciplinary events. We use a Restorative Justice circle format and problem-solving format when faced with a disciplinary event.

Consultation, Cooperation and Coordination with other School Site Councils or School Safety Plan Committees

The co-principals of Branciforte Small Schools dedicated two, 240 minute work sessions to complete the report, in consultation with other school staff to ensure accuracy of data reported.

Bullying Prevention – BP 5131.2

As documented in Board Policy 5131.2, the Board of Education is committed to creating a safe learning and working environment for all students and employees. The Board of Education recognizes the harmful effects of bullying on student learning and school attendance and desires to provide safe school environments that protect students from physical and emotional harm. District employees shall establish student safety as a high priority and shall not tolerate bullying of any student.

No student or groups of students shall, through physical, written, verbal, or other means, harass, sexually harass, threaten, intimidate, cyberbully, cause bodily injury to, or commit hate violence against any other student or school personnel. Board Policy 5131.2 is included in the Appendix.

Strategies and programs unique to Santa Cruz City Schools that prevent bullying for all students, including LGBTQ students.

The Costanoa staff responds immediately to all reports of bullying, conducts an investigation, and provides support and intervention to the complainant and respondent.

Positive School Climate – BP 5137

As documented in Board Policy 5137, the Board of Education desires to enhance student learning by providing an orderly, caring, and nurturing educational and social environment in which all students can feel safe and take pride in their school and their achievements. The school environment should be characterized by positive interpersonal relationships among students and between students and staff.

The district's curriculum shall include age-appropriate character education which includes, but is not limited to, the principles of equality, human dignity, mutual respect, fairness, honesty, and citizenship. The Superintendent or designee may develop other strategies to enhance students' feelings of connectedness with the schools, such as campus beautification projects, graffiti removal, development of extracurricular activities and after-school programs, pairing of adult mentors with individual students, recognition of student achievement, and encouragement of strong family and community involvement in the schools. Board Policy 5137 is included in the Appendix.

Costanoa strives to create and maintain a positive school climate. Some of the methods we use include celebrating our students for: academic achievement, good attendance and good character on a quarterly basis. Students are selected by staff to receive awards at a quarterly assembly for exemplifying the Costanoa Habits of Mind: Use your mind well, Habits of Heart: Do the right thing, and Habits of Work: Work hard. Students with 90% attendance or above receive off campus lunch privileges. Students that earn all their credits are recognized as well.

Costanoa participates in the Small Schools Athletic League which provides opportunities for students to play Volleyball, Basketball, and Soccer. These sports are a source of pride for the school. Students connect with each other as teammates and also meet students from other schools in their community.

To monitor school climate efforts, students are encouraged to participate in the UC-Santa Barbara Social Emotional Health Survey (SEHS). In Fall 2022 we administered the Social Emotional Health Survey (SEHS) to our 11th & 12th graders. This comprehensive screening tool allows for effective Universal Screening in multiple areas of student well being. The results of the survey are also used to identify students in need of mental health support. Identified students meet with the Mental Health Specialist and if necessary are referred for ongoing support.

Attendance data:

Costanoa High School attendance rates have continued to hover between 80% and 88% over the past four years. We must continue to encourage better attendance among a significant number of students. Anecdotal data provided by counselors and advisors also indicates that most Costanoa students are dealing or have dealt with significant trauma and/or challenges in their lives. These trauma and challenges greatly impact some students' ability to succeed academically and attend school regularly. It is Costanoa's hope to provide students with more social-emotional learning opportunities so that they are better equipped to deal with challenges they face now or will face in the future.

Costanoa has embarked upon a 3-year implementation of restorative justice practices. Every Costanoa student has participated in a community circle facilitated by a teacher(s) in their advisory or other classes. Student participation in these circles is meant to foster an increased sense of school connectedness and safety.

Costanoa has hired a school mental health counselor. This counselor has provided direct services (informal check-ins, weekly counseling) to more than 30 Costanoa students during the course of the year. The counselor participates in weekly attendance/counseling meetings.

Costanoa staff discuss students of concern in weekly staff meetings. During these Team Intervention Planning (TIP) discussions for students of concern, staff discuss attempted interventions and identify new interventions and supports for students.

Students are recognized for excellent or improved academic, socioemotional, or attendance progress at quarterly awards assemblies.

Costanoa has an experienced, full-time academic counselor on staff. She works closely with many students to ensure they are making necessary progress to reach academic and career goals.

Costanoa has a full-time school mental health counselor. This counselor has provided direct services (informal check-ins, weekly counseling) to more than 30 Costanoa students during the course of the year. The counselor facilitates weekly attendance/counseling meetings.

Our school works closely with the SCCS school resource officer to maintain a safe school environment. The School Resource Officer maintains regular contact with the principal and observes Code Red drills to provide feedback in years that the school is open.

Strategies and programs unique to Santa Cruz City Schools that create a positive school climate for all students, including LGBTQ students.

To specifically address support for LGBTQ students, we have hired a mental health counselor who has expertise in supporting LGBTQ students. At Costanoa High School there is ongoing and dedicated learning about LGBTQ student inclusivity and support by and for the whole school. This support is evidenced via staff knowledge of laws and policy, as well as expected behavior and interactions between students and staff. The staff is committed to working with the Safe Schools Project to develop strategies for creating an inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Uniform Complaint Procedure – BP 1312.3

As documented in Board Policy 5137, the Board of Education recognizes that the district has the primary responsibility to ensure compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations governing educational programs. The Board encourages early resolution of complaints whenever possible. To resolve complaints which may require a more formal process, the Board adopts the uniform system of complaint processes specified in 5 CCR 4600-4670 and the accompanying administrative regulation. Board Policy 1312.3 is included in the Appendix.

Strategies and programs unique to Santa Cruz City Schools that encourage early resolution of complaints for all students, including LGBTQ students.

All student and parent/guardian complaints are taken seriously by Costanoa staff. Staff report complaints to the principal(s). The principal(s) immediately commence an investigation to gather details about the nature of the complaint. The administrators report back to the individuals involved in the complaint regarding the proposed resolution(s). If any outstanding issues are present, the administrators seek the support of district office personnel to assist with the resolution of the complaint. LGBTQ student complaints are treated with the same level of seriousness as other student complaints. To specifically address support for LGBTQ students at our site, we have hired a mental health counselor who has expertise in supporting LGBTQ students.

Site administrator always asks families if they would like to file a formal complaint and informs them of where to find procedures and form on the Santa Cruz City School's district website.

At the district level, the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services and the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources are the designated people to review complaints.

Protocols to Address Mental Health Care of Pupils Who Have Witnessed a Violent Act

Pupils who have witnessed a violent act at school or at a school-sponsored activity, while going to or coming from school or a school sponsored activity, or during a lunch period on or off campus, will need attention to address their mental health. Witnessing violence and being a victim of violence at school have been found both positively and significantly associated with child psychological trauma symptoms and self-reported violent behavior, even after controlling for the effects of various demographic factors. Serious emotional and behavioral consequences can occur for students who are merely witnesses to violence (Flannery, D. J., Wester, K. L., & Singer, M. I., 2004).

The Costanoa staff meets weekly to discuss students of concern. Students can be referred for mental health support by any staff member by contacting the Mental Health Specialist, completing an electronic referral form, or by contacting the Principal. Site-based referral process, including immediate collaboration of school staff is in place to support mental health support needed for any reason.

SCCS has also partnered with Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance to expand opportunities to employ community agencies in better supporting our students with substance use and mental health needs.

Procedures for Safe Ingress and Egress of Pupils, Parents, and School Employees to and from school

In an effort to assure the safety and welfare of students, parents, and visitors to Santa Cruz City Schools, the following procedures should be followed when traveling to and from the school site:

- Daily Bus Drop-off & Pick-up at School:
- Students Walking to School:
- Students and Adults visiting the school site after hours or on weekends:

Several procedures are in place to ensure the safety of students, parents, and employees who are traveling to and from Branciforte Small Schools Campus. Orange cones are placed in the rear parking lot during student drop-off and pick-up to ensure an orderly drop-off and pick-up. The campus security supervisor monitors drop-off and pick-up in the rear parking lot. The rear parking lot is well-lit during after-school hours and on weekends. The principal, school community coordinator, and/or school counselor are present in the front of school during student pick-up. Costanoa is a closed campus and students are required to sign out from the office if they are leaving campus. Visitors to the school are required to sign in at the office. Admin has directed all but one entrance be locked throughout the day, and a key card locking system is in place via Bond funds.

Appendix

Board Policy 5141.4 Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting

Board Policy 3516 Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness

Board Policy 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

Board Policy 4158 Employee Security/Teacher Notification

Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Board Policy 5132 Dress and Grooming

Board Policy 5144 Discipline

Board Policy 5131.2 Bullying Prevention

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