

Directions for the Santa Cruz Countywide Comprehensive School Safety Template Part I - Public Components

1. All sections of this template are required.
2. Add documents as Attachments.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Part I – Public Components

2023-2024

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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 July of 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 Happy Valley Elementary School office, and online at www.hvesd.com.

Plan Development and Approval

The Happy Valley Elementary School Comprehensive School Safety Plan has been developed by:

- School Site Council
- X School Safety Planning Committee

Which includes the following members:

Name	Membership Role
Michelle Stewart, Superintendent/Principal	Principal or Principal's Designee
Carey Ruwe	Teacher from Happy Valley Elementary School
Carly Trotter	Parent whose child attends the School
Donna Walker	Classified Employee
	Law Enforcement Agency Representative
Bryan Wall (Santa Cruz County Office Of Education)	Other

Key Dates of Plan Development and Approval	Date(s)
Meeting with representative of law enforcement agency to develop the Plan	
Meeting at the school site to allow members of the public the opportunity to review and express opinions about the Plan	
School Site Council approval of the Plan	January 17,2024
School District Board approval of the Plan	February 14, 2024
Submission to Santa Cruz County Office of Education for audit review	

Current Status of School Crime

This section presents data that will be analyzed to assess the current status of school crime committed on the Happy Valley Elementary School campus and at school-related functions. Data presented include:

Findings from the analysis of the data presented above include:

There is no crime or crime reports from Happy Valley

School Safety Strategies and Programs

Happy Valley Elementary School 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

Happy Valley School's Mission is to educate the whole child in a small, safe community based school that provides a solid foundation to achieve academic, social, and emotional success.

Providing a safe learning environment is a priority for staff, parents, students, and school community members. Happy Valley Elementary School prepares students to be self-disciplined and responsible citizens who can meet the challenge of living in an ethnically and socio-economically diverse community. Happy Valley Elementary School promotes caring and nurturing relationships and work cooperatively with parents, students, law enforcement representatives, and other community agencies. Happy Valley Elementary School 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 Happy Valley Elementary School 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. Happy Valley Elementary School implements programs to create a positive school climate and promote social-emotional learning using research-based strategies. Happy Valley Elementary School 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 Happy Valley Elementary School that provide a safe learning environment for all students, including specifically for LGBTQ students.

PeaceBuilders, Sanford Harmony Social Emotional Program.

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.

Staff is trained on a yearly basis regarding Child Abuse Reporting.

Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Training Schedule

Happy Valley Elementary School 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	08/24/2023, 10/12/2023, 01/11/2024, 01/24/2024, 02/22/2024, 03/21/2024, 04/24/2024, 05/14/2024
Lock Down Procedures	02/09/2024, 04/26/2024
Code Red Procedures	04/24/2024
Shelter in Place Procedures	04/26/2024
Earthquake Emergency Procedures	09/29/2023, 11/29/2023, 02/22/2024, 04/24/2024

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.

Happy Valley has been used as an evacuation site before and will be of assistance if needed in the future.

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.

There have been 0 expulsions in the history of Happy Valley and there have been 5 suspensions in five years.

Procedures to Notify Teachers of Dangerous Pupils – BP 4158

As documented in Board Policy 5148, 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 5148 is included in the Appendix.

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 Happy Valley Elementary School that provide a safe school environment for all students, including specifically for LGBTQ students.

There is information in the Parent Handbook regarding bullying and harassment. Student leadership includes Student Councils, the Peace Patrol who support students at recess, and the Green Team.

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.

Students follow the dress code that is outlined in the Parent/ Student Handbook.

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 and support, and parent involvement can minimize the need for disciplinary measures that exclude students from instruction as a means for correcting student misbehavior.

Code of Conduct and Procedures and Rules are outlined in the Parent Student Handbook as well as reviewed by the classroom teachers and reviewed at Back to School Night

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 Happy Valley Elementary School that prevent bullying for all students, including specifically for LGBTQ students.

PeaceBuilders, Sanford Harmony Social Emotional Program

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.

Sanford Harmony Social Emotional program was implemented at Happy Valley in 2017. Since that time, we have implemented PeaceBuilders program that is used in class each and every day. Students read a pledge in their classrooms each day about how they can be a peace builder. There are peace paths in each classroom that children can navigate if they get into conflicts. There is a peace bench on the play ground where a child can sit if they need a friend or help.

Describe strategies and programs that this school uses to promote a positive school climate here:

Teachers were trained in the PeaceBuilders program. There are several themes that the teachers teach in class and then reinforce on the playground and at monthly assemblies. The themes are: Praise People, Give up put-downs, Seek Wise People, Notice Hurts, Right Wrongs, Help others. There is also a focused characteristic each month.

Describe roles and responsibilities of mental health professionals, school counselors, and school resource officers in these strategies and programs, if applicable.

Happy Valley does not have any of the above mentioned personnel. Happy Valley contracts with a Mental Health counselor.

Strategies and programs unique to Happy Valley Elementary School that create a positive school climate for all students, including specifically for LGBTQ students.

PeaceBuilders, Sanford Harmony

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 Happy Valley Elementary School that encourage early resolution of complaints for all students, including specifically for LGBTQ students.

Peacebuilders, Sanford Harmony, Code of Conduct and rules and procedures. Also, Ed. code 48900

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).

Students who are experiencing mental health or social issues are referred to our Mental Health counselor.

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 Happy Valley Elementary School, 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:

There are almost no students who bike or walk to school. Parents drive their children to school in private cars as Happy Valley school is in a rural area.

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

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Board Policy 5131.2 Bullying Prevention

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