

Califon Public School

Over the past few years, Califon School has made progress in addressing and improving harassment, intimidation and bullying and the school climate and culture by:

- Highlighting Week of Respect with a variety of events
- Highlighting Students of the Week - Big Cougar, Little Cougar
- Implementing Child Assault Prevention Program
- Individual classroom lessons (Open-Circle, Morning Meeting, MindfulSelf)
- Mix It Up Lunches and PK Book Buddies
- Providing substitute teachers and parent volunteers with HIB information
- Holding October Pep Rally for all students and staff
- Positive behavioral referrals, Caught Doing Good Program
- Providing HIB training on the law, school climate, and suicide
- Continuing middle school cyber-bullying lessons
- Promoting International SEL Day Celebration and Global Day of Play
- Providing MindfulSelf Workshops for students and staff
- Providing SEL lessons to various grade level classes/students

While completing the 2021-2022 Self-Assessment, we learned that Califon School has demonstrated strengths in these areas:

- Curriculum and instruction on HIB and related information and skills
- Training on HIB Policy and Procedures
- HIB Investigative Procedures
- HIB Incident Reporting Procedures
- HIB Reporting

The 2022-2023 Self-Assessment helped Califon School identify areas on which improvement was noted:

- Staff Instruction and Training Programs
- HIB Programs and Approaches and Initiatives
- HIB Personnel

During the 2022-2023 school year, we added the following approaches/programs in addition to the ones stated above:

- Continuing social skills programs as needed
- Providing Lunch Bunch small groups at lunch
- Providing Community Service Class to grades 6, 7, and 8
- Participating in Trex Plastic Recycling Collection
- Recognizing the Student of the Week, Big Cougar Little Cougar
- Participated in MindfulSelf, Pull Your Weeds, Friday Theme Days

During the current school year 2023-2024, Califon School continues to work towards improvement in the following ways:

- Continue to meet via the School Safety/Climate Team during the year
- Continue to look for ways to maintain our school's positive atmosphere and socialization amongst students and staff
- Continue Lunch Bunch/Social Skill Groups for students with our School Guidance Counselor
- Participation in district wide SEL activities such as International SEL Day, Global Day of Play, and Caught Doing Good, Student of the Week