

SAFE Schools and School Improvement Plan Template (Elementary)

Overall Goal: Creating a positive school climate that supports a safe learning and teaching environment in which every student can reach his/her academic potential.

Bullying will not be accepted on school property, at school-related activities, on school buses, or in any other circumstances (e.g., cyberbullying) where engaging in bullying will have a negative impact on the school climate.

As defined by the Education Act, “Bullying” means aggressive and typically repeated behavior by a pupil where, (a) the behavior is intended by the pupil to have the effect of, or the pupil ought to know that the behavior would be likely to have the effect of, (i) causing harm, fear or distress to another individual, including physical, psychological, social or academic harm, harm to the individual’s reputation or harm to the individual’s property, or (ii) creating a negative environment at a school for another individual, and (b) the behaviour occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance between the pupil and the individual based on factors such as size, strength, age, intelligence, peer group power, economic status, social status, religion, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, family circumstances, gender, gender identity, gender expression, race, disability or the receipt of special education (“intimidation”).

For the purposes of the definition of “bullying” above, behaviour includes the use of any physical, verbal, electronic, written or other means.

Cyber-bullying: For the purposes of the definition of “bullying” above, bullying includes bullying by electronic means (commonly known as cyber-bullying), including, (a) creating a web page or a blog in which the creator assumes the identity of another person; (b) impersonating another person as the author of content or messages posted on the internet; and (c) communicating material electronically to one or more individuals or posting material on a website that may be accessed by one or more individuals.

School Specific Goal(s):

Needs Assessment (Based on...)	Training Strategies and Resources for School Climate and Bullying (Education Component)	Prevention and Awareness-Raising Strategies for a Positive School Climate and Bullying (Awareness Component)	Intervention and Support Strategies for School Climate Concerns and Bullying (Support and Intervention Component)	Communication and Outreach Strategies regarding School Climate and Bullying	Responsibilities and Actions	Monitoring and Review Process (Include Timelines)
School Climate Data: Sense	Bill 157 Reporting and Responding	Promotion of Healthy, Inclusive	Timely, Sensitive, Proactive	Communicate policies, procedures,	Staff will...	Safe Schools Team

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- of Belonging, Bully / Victim, and School Safety - Suspension data - Potential Staff Survey - Potential Parent Survey - Office Referrals - School Specific Incidents - Achievement Data - Safe Schools Team Consultation - On-line bullying / safe schools incident reports - Community based data	- Whole School Approach - Staff Professional Learning - Conferences - Workshops - Board Training - Effective Interventions training - WITS (SK-3) - WITS-LEADS (4-6) - Fourth R (7-8) - Police or Police Foundations presentations on cyber-safety - KFL&A Public Health Resources - Anti-Bullying Awareness - MEND - BMS - Youth Diversion REBOUND program - Ministry anti-bullying resources	- Relationships and Lifestyles - Open communication between staff, students, and parents - Modeling equitable and inclusive behaviour and language - Engagement of community partners - Evidence-based Bullying Prevention Programs (WITS, WITS-LEADS, Fourth R) - Character Education Initiative - Code of Conduct with clear expectations that are developmentally appropriate - Teaching in the Classroom - On-going Staff and Student Training	- Response to all incidents and reports - Accessing community supports - Use of MEND and other restorative practices - Use of Progressive Discipline - Mandatory reporting from all Board Employees - Mandatory responding from staff that work directly with students - Mandatory investigation of reports - Disclosure Mechanism	- and guidelines to all school community stakeholders - Newsletters - Grade/Division Forums - School Council - Staff Meetings - High-Impact assemblies - Anonymous tip line and/or online report - Let's talk, Let's Listen - Code of Conduct - Board Pamphlets - Board Posters - Synervoice Messages - School Website - Community Supports	- Students will... - Parents and Community will... Safe Schools Team will review Student Climate data related to Sense of Belonging, Bully/Victim, and School Safety Measures on a yearly basis to help inform each school's Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. The Safe Schools Team will also review	- School Climate Data (4-8): Sense of Belonging, Bully/Victim and Safety at School - Potential staff survey - Potential parent survey - Suspension data - Number of MEND conversations - Number of MEND circles - Office referrals due to student behaviour - Targeting areas of need based on survey results - Assessing reporting,

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• Student voice This information will inform the school specific goal(s).	• Threat Assessment Training • Friends for Life Training • Equity and Inclusion Training Opportunities • Bullying Awareness Week Activities (3rd week in November) • Board Policy/Procedures: AP 350, 353, and 356	• Accessing the LDSB Human Rights Education Advisor • Support for students who want to establish and lead Respect Committees or other Social Action Committees that promote a safe and inclusive learning environment • Providing opportunities for members of the school community to increase their knowledge of issues like homophobia, gender based violence, sexual harassment, inappropriate sexual behaviour, racism, critical media literacy, and safe internet use • Mentorship/Modeling programs	• for Students (online) • Plan for supporting and protecting the Victim(s) and Perpetrators • Addressing bystander behaviour • Providing opportunity for improved behaviour • Program modifications • Behaviour and/or Safety plans • Daily/Weekly “Check-ins” with key, identified staff • Referral to a community partner for	• Gallery at a Parents’ Night • School Newspaper • Grade Forums • Student Assemblies • Guest Speakers • Safety Week • Parent Forum • Safe Schools Team • Ministry definition of bullying communicated to staff, students, and parents • Clear statement that bullying will not be accepted must be communicated to staff, students, and	school Emergency Procedures on an annual basis.	response, and support • Evidence informed decision making for Education, Awareness, and Outreach

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		• Recognition awards/assemblies • Kelso's Choices • Use of Peer Mediators, Yard Pals • Character Ed. Word Wall • Posting Classroom expectations • Friends for Life Program • School-wide Progressive Discipline Plan • School Plan to address gender-based violence, homophobia, sexual harassment, and inappropriate sexual behavior • Roots of Empathy • Align supervision with needs assessment	support (i.e. Pathways, KAIROS, Home Base, Sexual Assault Crisis Line, Family and Child Services, L&A Addictions and Community Mental Health etc....) • Referral to the SSC • Accessing Aboriginal Education Counselor and supports • Referral to the Urgent Care/Consult Clinic (HDH/KGH) • BAT Referral • Ed. Services Consult	parents (see the statement above, below the overall goal)		

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			• Peer mediation • Accessing the LDSB Human Rights Education Advisor • Kids Help Line • Case Conference • Community Threat Assessment			