



Galt Joint Union Elementary School District

Greer Elementary School

2022-2023 Comprehensive Safety Plan



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Assessment of Current Status of School Crime

School safety is a top priority at Greer Elementary School. Self-discipline is a goal toward which we strive. Greer Elementary School has the prime educational responsibility for furthering among its students a positive understanding and practice of discipline. When rights and responsibilities are ignored or forgotten, disciplinary actions become necessary. Among our interventions, suspensions are included.

Our assessment of the current status of school crime indicates that most of our suspensions occur due to failure to follow EC 48900 (k) and EC 48900 (a) (1). These include: disruption of school activities or willful defiance, and threatened, attempted, or caused physical injury to another person.

Vernon E. Greer Site Suspension & Expulsion

Data

Suspension Data

2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
17	4	0	4

Expulsion Data

2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
1	0	0	1

We expect to see a decrease in the number of suspensions each school year. The decrease should be attributed to the consistent school-wide management system and TK-6 implementation of the character education program Second Step.

Strategies for Providing and Maintaining a Safe School Environment

Greer Elementary School provides a variety of opportunities for students that promote a positive learning environment. At the beginning of the school year, a school-wide discipline program with clearly defined rules and expectations is communicated to teachers, staff, parents, and students. Throughout the year teachers and staff continue to reinforce positive and appropriate social experiences for students.

Student safety is a priority at Greer Elementary School. Any visitor to Greer Elementary School is

required to check in at the school office. Visitors sign in and wear a visitor's badge during their visit. The district provides yard supervisors and crossing guards to ensure that students are safe on campus before, during, and after school. Eight yard supervisors work before school and throughout the day to monitor student safety on campus, the playground, and in the cafeteria. Eight-yard supervisors work after school to monitor student safety on campus. Monthly staff meetings are held for yard supervisors which provide on-going training and address safety issues. All district employees wear a picture identification badge so that they can be clearly identified. School safety rules are well established and are enforced by all staff members. The district takes great effort to ensure that Greer Elementary School is clean, safe, and functional. To assist with this, the district provides three full time custodial staff to clean and maintain the school on a regular basis. In 1996, the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District adopted a Custodial Handbook describing cleaning standards for all schools. Site repairs and landscaping care are addressed through the District Maintenance and Operations Department. A maintenance help desk is utilized to ensure prompt service and to address emergency repairs.

Greer Elementary School pride shows through the care of our facilities by teachers, staff, parents, and students. Students are mindful of using walkways rather than grassy areas. School rules promote taking care of school property.

Campus Security

In order to strengthen our security efforts for safe schools across the district, these additional procedures are followed:

- Classroom doors will be locked during the school day
- A specific location is designated for student drop-off and pick-up
- Security Gates are locked or closed to provide one way in and one way out
- Protocols are in place to ensure the safety of students during emergency situations
- Security equipment is appropriately utilized
- Law enforcement participated in the review and update of campus security protocols

District guidelines when all administrators are off campus.

1. Notify staff that administration will not be on campus
2. Notify staff who the Teacher In Charge (TIC) will be. When possible, the TIC should have an administrative credential.
3. Staff should know the steps they would take to reach the TIC in an emergency or for a discipline issue.
4. The TIC should have access to a master key and possibly a radio.
5. The TIC should know site and office Lockdown Procedures.
6. The office staff should know how to reach the TIC at all times.
7. The TIC should know to call the district office for support, as needed.
8. District office and superintendent should know when all administrators are off campus.

2022 California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS)

In the 2021-2022 school year, the 5th and 6th grade learners took the CalSCHLS survey. This survey provides data to assist our school in: (1) fostering safe and supportive school climates, social emotional competencies, and engagement in learning, (2) preventing youth health-risk behaviors and other barriers to academic achievement; and (3) promoting positive youth development, resilience and well-being. A thorough understanding of the scope and nature of these student behaviors, attitudes, experiences, and supports is essential for guiding school improvement and academic, prevention, and health programs.

Total Student Participation = 78

Do the teachers and other grown up care about you?

5th Grade - 83% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 86% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Do you feel close to people at your school?

5th Grade - 59% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 66% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Do you feel safe at your school?

5th Grade - 90% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 76% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Do you get really bored at school?

5th Grade - 61% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 49% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Do the teachers and other grown-ups at school ask about your ideas?

5th Grade - 25% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 49% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Do teachers ask you what you want to learn about?

5th Grade - 21% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 20% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Do you feel proud to belong to your school?

5th Grade - 69% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 52% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Do the teachers and other grown-ups from your school check on how you are feeling?

5th Grade - 52% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 44% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Does your school help students resolve conflicts with one another?

5th Grade - 75% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 65% yes, all of the time or most of the time

Is your school building neat and clean?

5th Grade - 79% yes, all of the time or most of the time

6th Grade - 70% yes, all of the time or most of the time

California Schools Survey (CaSCHLs)- Parents

Listed below are the percentages of families that responded with **Agree** or **Strongly Agree**:

Parents feel welcome at this school.

95% agree or strongly agree

Teachers communicate with parents about student's progress in school.

93% agree or strongly agree

This school treats all students with respect.

93% agree or strongly agree

This school motivates students to learn.

94% agree or strongly agree

This school has adults that really care about students.

96% agree or strongly agree 4% don't know

This school encourages students to care about how others feel.

88% agree or strongly agree

This school is a safe place for my child.

100% agree or strongly agree

This school enforces rules equally for all students.

81% agree or strongly agree

My child's teachers are responsive to social and emotional needs.

87% agree or strongly agree

This school is well-maintained.

96% agree or strongly agree

Preventative School Measures

Recognizing Youth Strengths and Talents

As a school community, we understand and recognize the strengths and talents of our youth. Teachers create activities and projects to put learner strengths into action. Learners set goals for their future by incorporating their individual strengths. By recognizing and building upon learner strengths, we will create higher engagement and hope for our youth.

Fred Jones Positive Discipline

Each classroom implements management procedures that reflect both positive classroom discipline and positive classroom instruction.

SECOND STEP Conflict Resolution

Each classroom implements a grade-level social-emotional learning program that teaches various social and emotional skills such as emotion recognition and management, empathy, problem solving, bullying prevention, and goal-setting.

Caring School Community Classroom Meetings

Teachers create an environment in which learning, opinions, and concerns are taken seriously, and in which learners participate as valued and influential contributors to the classroom community. All teachers complete the first eight weeks of lessons to help learners get to know one another, set classroom norms, and apply positive social values to their interactions with others. Issues-based lessons are used whenever needed.

Restorative Practices

School staff use restorative practices to promote and strengthen positive school culture and enhance pro-social relationships within the school community. Restorative practices allow for a shift in practice that results in a culture which is inclusive, builds fair process into decision-making practices, and facilitates learning to address the impact of their actions through an approach that allows for true accountability, skill-building, cooperation, and mutual understanding.

Learner Supports

A multi-tiered system of support that uses data to help match academic and social-emotional behavior assessment and instructional resources to each and every learner's needs.

Classroom Calming Corner

Each classroom has safe and comforting space for a learner to take deep breaths and let their emotions settle before they become too big for the child to handle.

Fostering Resilient Learners

Trauma invested practices for building strong relationships and creating a safe space to enable learners to learn at high levels.

Sensory Room

A classroom is provided for learners to have space to explore activities that calm them or engage them in activities they like.

Classroom Charter

Teachers and learners create determine how they want to feel in the classroom, what actions will promote those feelings, and agreed upon actions for how to prevent and manage conflict.

Bucket Filling

We fill each other's buckets to resolve negativity, bullying, and bucket dipping.

Digital Citizenship

Teachers build a positive school culture that supports the safe and responsible use of technology with [Common Sense Education's K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum](#). Learners build skills around critical thinking, ethical discussion, and decision making.

School Resource Officer

The school resource officer assists in building a positive school culture by working closely with the school leadership team and making a positive impact on the school community while focusing on school safety. The four main duties are: one of a counselor by talking with students and staff and offering guidance and assistance; support on-campus Intervention, staff development and informational sessions for parents; linking students, parents and staff with resources and services; lastly, as a law enforcement professional when the case warrants tier three interventions. SRO student contacts are positive in nature and serve to connect the student with another caring adult on campus or to provide mentoring, guidance and connections to needed services

School Counselor

The site school counselor supports all learners in a variety of ways. These supports can focus on behavior, academic needs, or social and emotional support.

Mental Health Clinician

The site mental health clinician provides mental health services and community resources to learners and families. SCOE's School Based Mental Health and Wellness Program is an extension of the Sacramento Health Center.

Therapy Dog

Maggie helps our learners improve social skills verbal communication. She makes us smile.

Parent Involvement and Family Engagement

Parental involvement and family engagement are increased by promoting events such as Back to School Night, Fall Carnival, Movie Nights, Round-Ups, Runnin for Rhett, field trips, and Open House. Parents are an integral part of the English Language Advisory Committee, Parent Club, and School Site Council. They are encouraged to volunteer on campus and in classrooms. Parents are provided with Personalized Learning Plans and access to the grade book, through the Parent Portal, to help guide involvement. Additionally, parenting classes support effective parent involvement.

After School Programs

Learner engagement is increased through participation in the following after school, programs:

Greer Extended Learning

The after-school program involves collaboration among parents, youth, representatives from schools and governmental agencies, such as local law enforcement and local parks and recreation departments, and individuals from community-based organizations and the private sector. Programs are created through partnerships between schools and local community resources to provide literacy, academic enrichment, and safe, constructive alternatives for learners.

Bright Future Learning Center

The Bright Future Learning Center supports individualized learning and after school clubs.

Acceleration Blocks

An extended day allows for additional learning time in an area(s) of need.

Funding

Available sources are targeted to address school safety issues such as the Local Control Funding Formula. Additional state and federal funding may be used to improve the school climate, improve classroom management, and/or respond to crises.

Professional Development Activities

All school staff receive appropriate professional development on the implementation of the Greer Elementary School Comprehensive Safety Plan. This training includes:

- Safe school strategies
- School discipline policies
- Child abuse reporting
- Crisis response training

Child Abuse Reporting Procedures

Procedures for reporting suspected child abuse have been in place for many years throughout the District. The information is included in all new teacher orientation materials and is reinforced during each school year by site administrators, outreach consultants, school psychologists, and district office personnel. Annually all school personnel are required to complete a mandated reporting training by October 30th

Based on Penal Codes 11166, 11167 and 11172, the message at each school site is that “Child abuse is everyone’s business!” The responsibility to report is not optional; it is mandatory.

Educators are legally responsible for reporting suspected child abuse. Their duty is to report; not to investigate whether or not it occurred. That responsibility is the function of the police and a child protective agency.

Important elements of the reporting process include the following:

- The duty to report is an individual duty and no supervisor or administrator may impede or inhibit such reporting duties.
- Individuals should inform their administrator(s) of the suspected abuse to ensure that they are apprised of the situation.
- A telephone report of suspected abuse shall include the name of the person making the report, the name and location of the child, the nature and extent of the injury and any other pertinent information that led such person to suspect abuse. A written follow-up report should be submitted to Child Protective Services and the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction.
- The identity of all persons who report under suspected child abuse shall be confidential and disclosed only by county order or between child protective agencies and law enforcement.
- Persons required to report, such as educators, are not liable either in civil damages or for criminal prosecution unless it can be proven that a false report was purposely made.
- Any mandatory reporter, who fails to report an instance of child abuse which he or she knows to exist, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by confinement in the county

jail for a term of six months or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars or both.

Counseling and Wellness Services

Counseling and wellness services are available. These services include:

- Psychologist
- Social Worker
- Attendance
- Referrals to community support services

Important Phone Numbers

Name	Phone Number
Sacramento County Child Protective Services	(916) 875-5437
San Joaquin County Child Protective Services	(209) 468-1333
Galt Police Department	(209) 366-7000
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department	(916) 874-5115
San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department	(209) 468-4400

Student Behavior Standards

Behavior standards are included in the District's "Parent Information Guide" which is distributed to all families the first week of each school year. This information can also be accessed on our school website.

The information contained in the Guide reflects the basic premise of the California State Constitution:

All students and staff of public, primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high schools have the inalienable right to attend campuses which are safe, secure and peaceful.

Article 1 Section 28C

The Guide describes attendance, truancy, citizenship, work habits, and appearance expectations as well as providing detailed information regarding school and District interventions and alternatives to suspension or expulsion. Several pages are dedicated to a detailed description of the sections of the California Education Code that govern student conduct and the consequences for misconduct.

Mandatory Suspension and Expulsion

Under state law, the principal or superintendent shall immediately suspend and shall recommend expulsion of a pupil who has committed any of the following acts:

- Possessing, selling, or furnishing a firearm: possession must be verified by an employee; this subdivision does not apply if the student had written permission to possess the firearm from a school principal for educational purposes, e.g., to display a Civil War

musket

- Brandishing a knife at another person: as defined in this section, “knife” means any dirk, dagger, or other weapon with a fixed, sharpened blade fitted primarily for stabbing; a weapon with a blade longer than 3 ½ inches; a folding knife with a blade that locks into place; or a razor with an unguarded blade
- Unlawfully selling a controlled substance listed under Health and Safety Code sections 1105 (et seq.)
- Committing or attempting to commit sexual assault or committing sexual battery
- Possession of an explosive

If the governing board finds that one of the above acts occurred, it must expel the student.

Due process for students affected by suspension and expulsion is covered in the District’s Board Policies BP 5144-5444.2

The Parent Information Guide provides parents and staff with a clear understanding of our behavior standards and reinforces consistent consequences throughout the District.

Notifying Teachers of Dangerous Students

California Education Code 49079 requires that teachers must be notified of any student who has caused or attempted to cause serious bodily injury to another person who is being enrolled in their classroom. The reporting procedure and other pertinent information follows:

1. All incoming school records and/or information received from law enforcement agencies must be screened for evidence identifying a student as one who has caused, or has attempted to cause, serious bodily injury or injury to another person. If such evidence is found, it is the responsibility of the school principal to notify the teacher of the student and to keep the notification on file in the school office.
2. As indicated in this advisory, the key element of the statute mandates that any information received by a teacher pursuant to this Education Code must be received in confidence for the limited purpose for which it was provided and shall not be further disseminated by the teacher.

Preventing Discrimination and Harassment

The Governing Board is committed to providing a school environment that is free from discrimination and harassment of any kind. Policies have been developed to provide teachers, staff, parents, and community members with information and remedies to actions that are deemed unlawful.

- Parents are notified each year about the policies
- Policies are prominently posted near the Principal’s office
- Information is provided through the orientation of new students
- Policies are provided to employees and employee organizations

The key components of those policies are outlined below:

Discrimination (Uniform Complaint Procedures)

1. The District shall follow uniform complaint procedures when addressing complaints alleging

unlawful discrimination based on age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, color, or mental or physical disability in any program or activity that receives or benefits from state financial assistance. Uniform complaint procedures shall also be used when addressing complaints alleging failure to comply with state and/or federal laws in adult education, consolidated categorical aid programs, migrant education, vocational education, child care and development programs, child nutrition programs and special education programs.

2. The Board acknowledges and respects employee and student rights to privacy. Discrimination complaints shall be investigated in a manner that protects the confidentiality of the parties and the facts. This includes keeping the identity of the complainant confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the investigation or proceedings, as determined by the Superintendent or designee on a case-by- case basis.
3. The Board prohibits retaliation in any form for the participation in complaint procedures, including, but not limited to the filing of a complaint or the reporting of instances of discrimination. Such participation shall not in any way affect the status, grades or work assignments of the complainant.
 - The complaint shall be presented to the compliance officer who shall maintain a log of complaints received, providing each with a code number and a date stamp.
 - If a complainant is unable to put a complaint in writing due to conditions such as illiteracy or other disabilities, district staff shall help him/her to file the complaint. (5 CCR 4600)
 - The compliance officer is encouraged to hold an investigative meeting within ten days of receiving the complaint or an unsuccessful attempt to mediate the complaint. This meeting shall provide an opportunity for the complainant and/or his/her representative to repeat the complaint orally.
 - The complainant and/or his/her representative and the district's representatives shall also have an opportunity to present information relevant to the complaint. Parties to the dispute may discuss the complaint and question each other or each other's witnesses. (5 CCR 4631)
 - Within 60 days of receiving the complaint, the compliance officer shall prepare and send to the complainant a written report of the district's investigation and decision, as described in Step #5 below. If the complainant is dissatisfied with the compliance officer's decision, he/she may, within five days, file his/her complaint in writing with the Board

Harassment (Uniform Complaint Procedures)

1. The Board prohibits sexual harassment of any student by another student, an employee or other person, at school or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity. The Board also prohibits retaliatory behavior or action against any person who complains, testifies, assists or otherwise participates in the complaint process established in accordance with this policy.
2. Any student who engages in sexual harassment of anyone at school or at a school-sponsored or school-related activity is in violation of this policy and shall be subject to disciplinary action. For students in grades 4 through 12, disciplinary action may include suspension and/or expulsion, provided that in imposing such discipline the entire circumstances of the incident(s) shall be taken into account.

3. Any student who feels that he/she is being or has been subjected to sexual harassment shall immediately contact a school employee. A school employee to whom a complaint is made shall, within 24 hours of his/her getting the complaint, report it to the principal or designee. Any school employee who observes any incident of sexual harassment on any student shall similarly report his/her observation to the principal or designee, whether or not the victim makes a complaint. If the alleged harasser is the principal or designee, the employee may report the complaint or his/her observation of the incident to the Superintendent or designee who shall investigate the complaint.
4. The principal or designee to whom a complaint of sexual harassment is reported shall immediately investigate the complaint. Where the principal or designee finds that sexual harassment occurred, he/she shall take prompt, appropriate action to end the harassment and address its effects on the victim. The principal or designee shall also advise the victim of any other remedies that may be available. The principal or designee shall file a report with the Superintendent or designee and refer the matter to law enforcement authorities, where necessary. In addition, the student may file a formal complaint with the Superintendent or designee in accordance with the district's uniform complaint procedures.
5. Types of conduct which are prohibited in the district and which may constitute sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:
 - Unwelcome sexual flirtations or propositions
 - Sexual slurs, leering, epithets, threats, verbal abuse, derogatory comments, or sexually degrading descriptions
 - Graphic verbal comments about an individual's body, or overly personal conversation
 - Sexual jokes, notes, stories, drawings, pictures, or gestures
 - Spreading sexual rumors
 - Teasing or sexual remarks about students enrolled in a predominantly single- sex class
 - Touching an individual's body or clothes in a sexual way
 - Purposefully cornering or blocking normal movements
 - Limiting a student's access to educational tools
 - Displaying sexually suggestive objects

Dress Code

The Governing Board recently approved changes to the dress code policy that defines specific guidelines on student dress across the District. Dress code standards are also included in the Guide to School Discipline and Safety.

District Dress Code

1. Appearance shall be neat, clean, safe, and appropriate. It must not distract others from learning.
2. Hats or head coverings must be removed before entering a building. Exemptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for religious or health reasons. Baseball hats shall be worn outdoors only, and shall be worn with the bill facing forward (Each school may have its own rules).
3. Shirts, blouses, and tops shall be long enough to tuck into the waistband.

4. Pants shall fit at the natural waist and be properly fastened at all times. Pants shall not 'sag' to reveal undergarments or uncovered skin.
5. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be mid-thigh length or longer. Skirts or dresses shall not have slits above the mid-thigh.
6. All undergarments must be covered at all times.
7. Shoes must be worn at all times. They must be safe and appropriate for P.E. Sandals must have heel straps for safety. Lace-up shoes must be worn with the laces in place and securely tied. Excessively high heels are prohibited for safety's sake.

The following items are prohibited by Board Policy on school grounds and at school activities both on and off campus:

- Any item that advertises or promotes the use of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substances
- Any item that displays or encourages gang-related affiliation
- Any item with suggestive pictures or writing

The following items of clothing are also prohibited at school:

- Revealing clothing, including but not limited to, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, tank tops, half shirts, see through garments, fishnet stockings, plunging necklines, and bare midriffs
- Clothing that is dirty, torn, slashed, or provocative
- Chains, except for light-weight jewelry worn as a necklace
- Any item that can distract from the educational process

If there is a question of whether an item of apparel is acceptable, the Principal or his/her designee shall make the determination. Students found in violation of the school appearance guidelines shall be afforded the following options:

- The school will call the parents to bring an appropriate garment for the student to change into.
- The school will loan the student an appropriate garment (sweatshirt or sweatpants) to wear in place of the prohibited garment. Loaned garments must be laundered and returned the next school day.
- The school will call the parent to pick up the student.

Repeated violations of the appearance guidelines may result in detention or suspension for defiance of authority.

Bullying/Cyberbullying

The Governing Board believes that all students have the right to be educated in a positive learning environment free from disruptions. Students shall be expected to exhibit appropriate conduct that does not infringe upon the rights of others or interfere with the school program while on school grounds, while going to or coming from school, while at school activities, and while on district transportation.

Prohibited student conduct includes, but is not limited to:

- Bullying of students or staff, including, but not limited to, cyberbullying, intimidation, hazing or initiation activity, extortion, or any other verbal, written, or physical conduct that causes or threatens to cause violence, bodily harm, or substantial disruption.

Cyberbullying includes the transmission of communications, posting of harassing messages, direct threats, or other harmful texts, sounds, or images on the Internet, social networking sites, or other digital technologies using a telephone, computer, or any wireless communication device. Cyberbullying also includes breaking into another person's electronic account and assuming that person's identity in order to damage that person's reputation.

Students may submit a verbal or written complaint of conduct they consider to be bullying to a teacher or administrator. Complaints of bullying shall be investigated and resolved in accordance with site-level grievance procedures specified in AR 5145.7 - Sexual Harassment.

When a student is suspected of or reported to be using electronic or digital communications to engage in cyberbullying against other staff or students, or to threaten district property, the investigation shall include documentation of the activity, identification of the source, and specific facts or circumstances that explain the impact or potential impact on school activity, school attendance, or the targeted student's educational performance.

Students shall be encouraged to save and print any messages sent to them that they feel constitute cyberbullying and to notify a teacher, the principal, or other employee so that the matter may be investigated.

Any student who engages in cyberbullying on school premises, or off campus in a manner that causes or is likely to cause a substantial disruption of a school activity or school attendance, shall be subject to discipline in accordance with district policies and regulations. If the student is using a social networking site or service that has terms of use that prohibit posting of harmful material, the Superintendent or designee also may file a complaint with the Internet site or service to have the material removed.

Greer School Rules

Behavior Policy

It is our goal to make our school a safe and engaging place for students to learn and to have a consistent and predictable policy that everyone can understand and support.

The following three behaviors summarize the behavior expectations for our students:

BE SAFE

- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by using school equipment safely and appropriately, stay on the playground area and use sidewalks
- Keep inappropriate comments to yourself

BE RESPECTFUL

- Follow adult directions

- Be polite to adults and students
- Listen to what others have to say
- Wait your turn
- Leave others' work and belongings alone
- Try to understand the needs of others
- Be thoughtful of others' opinions and beliefs
- Use appropriate language at all times
- Remove hats before entering any building

BE RESPONSIBLE

- Follow school rules
- Complete your work
- Take care of school property
- Make coming to school a priority
- Accept responsibility for your mistakes
- Wear appropriate clothing for school
- Deliver all school communication to parents

Each classroom teacher will design a management system based on Fred Jones Tools for Teaching. Students not following school rules while on the playground, cafeteria, or around school campus will receive a Student Behavior Report. When receiving a Student Behavior Report, school personnel will discuss the reason for the referral with the child and a form will be given to the student to take home for parent/guardian signature. Student Behavior Reports must be returned to school on the following day.

Office Referral

More serious behaviors are handled through an Office Referral. The student will be called to the office to discuss the problem and the consequences can include a parent conference (phone or in person), loss of participation in a school sponsored activity, and/or in-house suspension or suspension.

Students will be sent to the office to speak with an administrator for the following reasons:

- Fighting (engaging in, threatening or attempting)
- Disrespect
- Defacing school property
- Defiance of authority
- Exhausting the classroom management system

Teachers, staff, and families work together to encourage children to make appropriate choices and follow school rules.

In addition to the general rules, specific rules must also be followed while in the cafeteria, playground, and while riding the bus. A suspension can affect the participation of a special classroom function such as a field trip, promotion activities, etc. If behavior is a serious concern, the parent will be asked to attend any off school grounds activities with their child to assist with supervision.

School-wide Rules

- Walk on sidewalks and blacktop
- Hands-off policy: Keep your hands and feet to yourself

- Objects that are dangerous to others should not be brought to school (Those objects include, but are not limited to: weapons, poppers, pointed objects, and toys that resemble weapons)
- Toys, cards, sports equipment, CD players, cameras and any other electronic devices are not allowed at school during school hours
- Gum, candy, soda, or sunflower seeds are not allowed
- Students must play in the designated play areas only
- Fighting, play fighting, rough play, inappropriate language, and throwing dangerous objects are not allowed
- Bathrooms are not to be played in
- Students are not allowed in classrooms without an adult present

Playground Rules

- Walk on the blacktop
- Footballs, soccer balls must be on the grass area at all times
- Balls may be thrown or bounced on the blacktop (no kicking)
- Dodge ball must be played on the printed circle- keep balls below the waist
- Food is not allowed on the playground
- Take turns using the drinking fountain
- Jumping from any climbing equipment is not allowed
- Use the ladder to get up to the slide and slide down in a sitting position, feet first
- Playing tag or running around climbing equipment is not allowed
- Follow the rules of the sport you are playing
- Games will be stopped if there is any rough playing or arguing
- Seek help and assistance from an adult when a conflict occurs
- Balls may be bounced against ball walls only
- Rainy days – the only balls out are basketballs, four-square, and tether balls
- Equipment is not to be used if it is wet and slippery
- When the bell rings stop play and listen for the freeze whistle
- Drinks and restroom use must be completed before the ending recess bell rings

Cafeteria Rules

- Walk in a straight line
- Keep hands and feet to yourself at all times
- Remain seated until your table is dismissed
- Help us maintain a clean place to eat
- Raise your hand if you need any type of assistance
- Place all balls and recess equipment in the area by the front doors
- Sit at your assigned table
- Talking softly to friends at your table is o.k. - shouting is not
- Eat your own food
- If you need to go to the restroom, raise a hand to ask for permission
- Wait to be dismissed before dumping your tray
- Walk inside the cafeteria at all times

Bus Rules

The following rules and regulations have been established by the State of California and our district for the safe transportation of all school bus passengers:

- Arrive at designated bus stop five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled arrival of the bus. Use only designated bus stops.
- Wait quietly at the bus stop, away from the roadway. After the bus has come to a complete stop, board the bus in an orderly manner.
- When necessary to cross the street, always wait for the driver to tell you it is safe for you to cross after the driver is stationed in the center of the street.
- Be a quiet passenger, go directly to the seat, sit down facing forward and keep all parts of your body inside the bus. Keep the aisle clear at all times.
- Refrain from transporting hazardous or destructive objects of any kind, such as weapons, glass containers, sharp objects, skateboards and helium balloons.
- All balls must be contained in a plastic, paper or athletic bag. Keep books and supplies contained in backpacks while on board.
- Help keep the bus safe and free from litter by not eating or drinking on the bus
- Be courteous to the bus driver, students and other passengers. Fighting or wrestling on buses will result in a referral and/or loss of transportation privileges.
- Remain quiet at all railroad crossings.
- When disembarking, move away from the bus immediately. If you left something on the bus, stand away from the door and get the driver's attention by calling out to the driver before approaching the bus again.
- Give the bus driver a written request when you must get off at a bus stop other than your designated stop. The request must be signed by the parent or guardian and approved by the site administrators. There are no exceptions.
- Defacing the bus, damaging seats or tampering with any school bus or safety equipment will be grounds for immediate denial of transportation.
- Use of video cameras aboard the bus is at the discretion of the transportation department and can lead to discipline.

Safety To and From School

Education Code 48900(p) indicates that a student may be disciplined, suspended or expelled for any acts related to a school activity or attendance that occur at any time, including but not limited to the following:

- While on school grounds
- While going to or coming from school
- During the lunch period whether on or off campus
- During, or while going to, or coming from, a school sponsored activity

Clearly, schools have the authority and the responsibility to monitor student behavior to ensure that students are safe while going to and from school.

The Galt Police Department

The Galt Police Department investigates complaints involving strange or threatening behaviors by adults or older students toward District students as they travel to and from school. When appropriate, cautionary "Alerts" are developed by Galt PD and communicated to the District Office for the purpose of dissemination to parents and students.

Crossing Guards

The District employs Crossing Guards at selected locations within the community to provide adult guidance for students as they traverse busy intersections or roadways.

Safest Route to School

Suggested walking and bike riding routes to school can be found on the district website at: <http://www.galt.k12.ca.us/StuParent/stuparent.html> on the link, Walking Paths to Schools

Dealing with Hate Crimes

A “hate crime” is now defined as: “a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim: (1) disability, (2) gender, (3) nationality, (4) race or ethnicity, (5) religion, (6) sexual orientation, or (7) association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.” (Penal Code section 422.6, referencing Penal Code section 422.55). The characteristics are fully defined in Penal Code section 422.55, some of which are fairly long and unique. As an example, religion includes agnosticism and atheism. Please contact us if you would like further information regarding these definitions.

The phrase “in whole or in part because of” means that “bias motivation must be a cause in fact of the offense, whether or not other causes also exist. When multiple concurrent motives exist, the prohibited bias must be a substantial factor in bringing about the particular result. There is no requirement that the bias be a main factor, or that the crime would not have been committed but for the actual or perceived characteristic.” (Penal Code section 422.55(d))

The term “victim” includes, but is not limited to, “a community center, educational facility, entity, family, group, individual, office, meeting hall, person, place of worship, private institution, public agency, library, or other victim or intended victim of the offense.” (Penal Code section 422.55(i))

The law also reduced the property damage amount for a hate crime against property from \$500 to \$400. (Penal Code section 422.7)

Collaborative Relationships for Strengthening School Safety

The City of Galt and other governmental agencies that operate within School District boundaries often work together to provide safe school environments:

- The City of Galt provides funding for a School Resource Officer who works with our schools when needed to assist with truant and missing students, extreme behavior issues and serious student conflicts should they occur.
- The Galt Fire Department, along with Galt PD, provides technical assistance to the District related to the development of Emergency Planning and Preparation.
- Child Protective Services from Sacramento and San Joaquin Counties are available to respond to emergency child endangerment situations as well as provide consultation regarding potential child abuse issues.
- Sacramento County Department of Health and Human Services provides funding for a community wide program, Alternatives for Galt Youth, to deliver substance abuse

prevention and intervention services for Galt youth and their families.

- Individuals from Sacramento County Probation, Galt PD, Sacramento County Office of Education as well as District staff collectively form the School Attendance and Review Board) (SARB) to intervene with families who cannot consistently get their children to school in a timely manner.
- The District has Joint Use agreements with the City of Galt that provides for the systematic after-hours use of school and City facilities for recreational purposes giving students and their families safe areas to enjoy youth sporting activities. In some cases, the Joint Use agreements also include equipment such as bleachers, backstops and drinking fountains that are available to District students during the school day as well as after hours.

Prevention and Intervention Strategies

The District utilizes two programs to provide students with 1) the necessary strategies to help resist alcohol, drugs and tobacco, 2) accurate information about the consequences of drug use and, 3) alternatives to drug use.

Caring School Community

Caring School Community is a K-5th grade curriculum designed to build students' 'sense of community' in school. It includes materials and training on four key components:

- Inclusive school wide activities
- Cross-grade buddies
- Class meetings
- Family involvement

All four components focus on building relationships and a common purpose, establishing and enhancing a sense of belonging and connectedness among teachers, staff, parents, and students. When the school engenders a sense of community, peer group dynamics tend to support rather than contradict the school's goals and values, thereby increasing the likelihood of positive effects.

Pandemic Flu Response

In the event that adjustments need to be made to the normal school day in response to emergency announcement by the California Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Division (PHD) the Superintendent/designee shall provide the schools with as much notice as possible to implement such actions as:

- School closure
- Evacuation procedures

The school has additional responsibilities in monitoring and reporting at the discretion of the PHD in order to assist in community response.

Surveillance and Reporting

During all stages of a pandemic flu outbreak, it will be essential to monitor and document the number of students and faculty who are absent and meet the definition of influenza-like illness. Keeping track of these numbers will help health officials determine when and whether to close schools, whether the epidemic is increasing in scope and whether to declare an epidemic, making schools eligible to apply for reimbursement of ADA funds during increased absenteeism. Schools are provided with the following information to monitor the illness rate and potential epidemic:

- Basic surveillance instructions and definitions of surveillance levels
- Case definition to assist in determining whether the ill student and/or faculty is suffering from an influenza-like illness
- Reporting form(s) to submit to the Sacramento County Health and Human Services' Public Health Division
- Sample Attendance Log to document flu-related absences to document need to apply for an Average Daily Attendance Waiver

Definition of Surveillance Levels

Standard Surveillance

No flu activity reported in the community (flu season).

- Monitor daily attendance for increased reports of absence due to flu-like illness
- Do not report absences to the Health Department unless greater than 10%

Heightened Surveillance

Flu activity reported in the community (less than 10% school absenteeism due to flu-like illness).

- Monitor daily attendance for flu-like illness/absences
- Begin morning 'flu check' first hour of school – screen those who report positive for symptoms
- Log absences due to flu-like illness
- Send weekly absence report (via fax) to Health Department

Intensive Surveillance

High number of flu illness reported in the community (10% or greater school absenteeism due to flu-like illness).

- Monitor daily attendance and log absences on log sheet
- Continue morning 'flu check'
- Send daily absence report (via fax) to Health Department
- Begin preparation for potential school closure

Influenza Case Definition

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines an influenza-like illness as having the following symptoms:

- Fever of 101.5° degrees Fahrenheit or higher AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING
 - Cough
 - Sore throat
 - Headache
 - Muscle ache

A student with flu-like symptoms must be sent to the office for screening (symptom check and/or taking temperature). If a student meets the case definition as described above, he/she must be excluded from school until symptom free. Enter the name of the student on the tracking log and report on the daily/weekly report form.

