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Safe and Civil Schools

The Robbinsdale Area Schools Safe and Civil Schools methodology will help school staff improve safety and civility across all school settings, by school personnel laying a foundation to engage students and increase learning outcomes. The focus of Safe and Civil Schools is to empower all school staff with structure and techniques to help all students behave responsibly and respectfully, leading to excellence for all in the school setting. Safe and Civil Schools is not a program, but rather a compilation of organizational systems and strategies that support teachers in using techniques that are associated with student success.

STOIC is a systematic, prevention-oriented approach that guides teachers in providing universal classroom supports that promote appropriate behavior and reduce disruptive behavior in the classroom when done with fidelity.

Safe and Civil Schools Plan

Research done over the past 30 years, indicates that the strategies embodied in the Safe and Civil Schools library are effective in managing student behavior. Data from schools and districts throughout the country show increases in student respectfulness, responsibility, and motivation. Data is quantified by such measures as:

- Reductions in referrals, suspensions, and expulsions
- Declines in tardy rates
- Increases in student attendance and connectedness
- Perceptions of increased safety and civility

Safe and Civil Schools Processes

Using Data

Objective information about behavior is more reliable than labels, conclusions, or stereotypes.

Structuring for Success

All school settings should be organized to promote successful behavior from students.

Collaboration

All school staff help students behave responsibly.

Self Reflection

If student behavior is irresponsible, school staff should reflect on what they can do to help students.

Strengthen the 3-Year Plan for Standards Based Instruction

- Safe and Civil Schools
 - Multi-Tiered System of Support
 - Balanced Literacy
- Phase 1: Learning Environment
- Phase 2: Increase Cognitive Load (Rigor)
- Phase 3: Assessment/Evaluation



Beliefs of Safe and Civil Schools

1. All students must be treated with dignity and respect
2. Students should be taught the skills and behaviors necessary for success.
3. Motivation and responsibility should be encouraged through positive interactions and building relationships with students.
4. Student misbehavior represents a teaching opportunity.

The core features of Safe and Civil Schools are organized around the STOIC Intervention Planning model with routine expectations communicated through CHAMPS.

STOIC

- S** Structure your classroom for success
- T** Teach expectations
- O** Observe and supervise
- I** Interact positively
- C** Correct fluently

CHAMPS

- C** Conversations
- H** Help
- A** Activity
- M** Movement
- P** Participation
- S** Success

Together these form a structure to help prevent students from “falling through the cracks” into school failure. Supports are designed across multiple settings:

- Schoolwide
- Classroom
- Individual Students

When you create a school climate that is calm, civil, and structured for student success, we build a stronger Tier 1 foundation to reduce the strain on a school's Tier II and III intervention resources.



Frequently Asked Questions

WHEN WILL I BE TRAINED IN SAFE AND CIVIL SCHOOLS?

Administrators will be receiving training over the summer through the district, with select administrators receiving additional training from Safe & Civil School consultants. Teachers and district staff will receive training during professional development week in August in preparation for the 2018-19 school year.

WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF ME?

District staff will be required to attend trainings on Safe and Civil Schools to learn the methodology. Teachers will be required to complete a Classroom Management and Discipline Plan prior to the school year. Plan details will be outlined based on individual building needs and requirements, as directed by school administration.

HOW DOES SAFE AND CIVIL SCHOOLS ALIGN WITH OUR CURRENT SCHOOL PRACTICES?

Safe and Civil Schools provides general guidelines and suggestions for best practice classroom management and structure, but does not require the use of specific strategies or teaching techniques. This allows for teachers and buildings to individualize their practices and incorporate other best practice strategies into the Safe and Civil Schools methodology.

HOW DOES SAFE AND CIVIL SCHOOLS SUPPORT THE MTSS PROCESS?

The Safe and Civil Schools methodology works to ensure solid Tier I practices, as well as provides resources for Tier II and III interventions. As Tier I practices are strengthened and implemented with greater consistency, the need for Tier II and III interventions are reduced. Additionally, Safe and Civil Schools provides resources for data collection to document the implementation and effectiveness of student and class-wide interventions.

WHERE CAN I SAFE AND CIVIL SCHOOLS BE SUPPORTED IN THE DISTRICT?

Administration and district support staff (School Psychologists, Social Workers, Q-Comp Coaches, Learning Leaders, Curriculum Support Specialists and Curriculum Coordinators) will be trained in the implementation and coaching of Safe and Civil Schools. Professional development will be provided to teachers at the beginning of the year and throughout the school year based on individual teacher and building needs.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON SAFE AND CIVIL SCHOOLS?

There are books available to be checked out through district media services. Additionally, each school will have several copies of the books that can be shared among teachers.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ON SAFE AND CIVIL SCHOOLS?

You can find a PDF of the [Classroom Management and Discipline Plan](#) here. Download the PDF to your computer and you can complete the form within the PDF. Be sure to save it to your computer in a place that you can locate it.