

**Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative**  
**Safe School Guidelines**  
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**Profile of a “Successful Student”:**

While there are no 100 percent guarantees, we have found that the most successful students in Safe Schools are the ones who are not heavily gang involved and if here for a drug or alcohol offense, are also receiving outside treatment for their addiction problem. In addition, students who have a special education label of ~~ED/BD~~ may struggle due to the intense need for a more therapeutic and social work services than that program offers.

**Communication:**

1. Referring district will provide the Principal of the Safe Schools Program with as much background information as possible to assist in classroom placement to Safe Schools administrator ***prior to the student going to the board for expulsion.*** If the student has an IEP, the resources necessary to support the student in the Safe Schools Program will be discussed.
2. The Safe Schools Principal will contact the ROE liaison to share information regarding the student and set an intake meeting date. If the student has an IEP, the resources necessary to support the student will be discussed.
3. Districts will be cognizant of students being referred for Safe Schools with a special education label of ~~ED/BD~~ and consider placing these students in an alternative school, such as New Directions as opposed to Safe Schools. If these students attend Safe Schools, they will be held to the same behavioral standards as specified in the handbook. If a student is unsuccessful, or needs additional support, the home school team will be notified and their IEP team will meet to discuss placement options.
4. Districts will consider recommending drug/alcohol treatment as part of the expulsion conditions prior to returning to their home school, as appropriate.
5. Safe Schools staff will communicate with the one designated person from each district monthly regarding grades and attendance. Quarterly report cards will be sent to the designated person as well as the school registrar.
6. Safe Schools will hold an exit meeting with the home district shortly before the student leaves the program, returns to the district or graduates. The ROE liaison will be invited to participate in the exit meeting.
7. The Mid-Valley Executive Board will be updated quarterly regarding the status of students in each individual district.

## Behavioral Expectations:

1. There will be a “three strike system” in place for disciplinary issues. After the first infraction, the student and parent will meet with the Safe Schools administrator and/or teacher. The home district will be informed of the meeting. After the second infraction, a meeting between the Safe Schools administrator, parent, student and **a Central office administrator designee from the student’s home district** will take place. If a student receives a third infraction, a student will be referred back to their home school School Board and excluded from the Safe Schools Program. If a major infraction occurs (such as drugs, alcohol, weapons, assault) the student will be immediately suspended and referred back to the School Board. The ROE liaison will also be notified.
2. Non-successful participation: If a student is not engaged in the learning process while in Safe Schools and many verbal reminders have been given to that student, the three strike system would begin.
3. Students will continue to receive weekly social work services, ~~both individual and group from a certified drug and alcohol counselor~~. They are also allowed to participate in the alternative sports and club leagues if their behavior and school work merits their participation.
4. Students will not be allowed to attend Safe Schools more than once. **Exceptions will be granted by the Board on a case-by-case basis.**
5. Students will not be allowed to attend any other school district for events such as dances, etc.

## Attendance

1. Students will adhere to the following attendance rules:  
Strike one = three unexcused absences  
Strike two = 6 unexcused absences  
Strike three = 9 unexcused absences and recommendation for termination from the program.

## Grades

1. Students will receive a report card from Safe Schools at the regular quarter intervals. The ROE allows students to enroll in three classes at a time. All completed classes will be included on the report card. The report card will be sent to the designated district contact and the registrar.