

Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 5:30 PM
Central Office

I. Public Comment

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{{RecommendedMotion}}

II. Approve Minutes from the April 2, 2025 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

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III. Policies

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Rationale:

- Policy 5131.911 - School Climate
- Revised Policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance/ Admissions/ Placement

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IV. Assistant Superintendent's Report

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V. Other

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Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting, April 2, 2025 – Draft Minutes Central Office

Present:

Liz Barlow	Cheri Burke
Monica Logan	Jennifer Parsons
David Peling	
Karen Richmond-Godard	

Meeting commenced at 5:40 pm and adjourned at 6:50 pm

- 1. Public Comment:** There were no public comments this evening.
- 2. Approve Minutes from the March 5, 2025 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting:** A motion was made by Liz Barlow. and seconded by Dave. to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2025 Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting. Motion carried.
- 3. Assistant Superintendent's Monthly Report:**
 - Wellness committee related to legislative requirements and part of it is healthy foods in school. Every 3 years the district must evaluate if policy is being followed. Going to bid for a new contract. Committee is made up of students, staff and parents. They will discuss improving wellness for the community. There will be a field day the last Friday in May with Wells Road and GMMS, held at Wells Road. Dave Peling asked about increasing the quality of the food for kids.
 - District Leadership Team met recently and discussed the March 7th professional development day which included Math Vertical Thinking, Social Studies mapping out standards in the curriculum, and Science did an experiment with teachers about boiling water. Departments are assessing where their curriculum is in preparation for the curriculum review cycle.
- 4. Scheduling Update:**

Scheduling reform - the work began a year ago. Hired a consultant, surveyed staff to know their needs, gathered course data, brought data to us in the fall (board). Guiding coalition of about 14 people including principals, teachers across many disciplines, counselors, union leadership, new staff, veteran staff.

 - Next year the bell schedules will be aligned at both schools and content-specific collaboration time will be prioritized. The schedule will be an 8-period day plus lunch. There will be 45-minute classes, 3-minute passing time, staggered lunch waves with 30-minute lunches. Students can take up to 8 credits. There will be CREW/Advisory on Thursday. Classes will be 41 minutes long on Thursdays
 - The committee looked at whether to include extended blocks. Some classes such as Science and Culinary find the longer blocks to be necessary. It was determined that 93-minute blocks are needed, but not daily. For 2025-26, at the high school, there will be an extended block about 7 times per semester. Next year, a new schedule will be tried and tweaked as needed. For professional learning/collaboration, going to align non-teaching periods within departments to collaborate. The benefits of the new schedule will increase instructional time by 86 hours per year and students will have 45 minutes/day/class.

5. Policies:

- Policy 5131.911 – School Climate: table to bring forward next month - we will move it to the top of the agenda for May - first reading at second meeting in May and be approved at the first and only meeting in June.
- Policy 5145.5 – Suicide Prevention: bring it for a first reading in May to the Board.

6. Other:

A motion was put forth to adjourn. A motion was made by Dave Peling and seconded by Liz Barlow. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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Connecticut School Climate Policy

Policy Statement

All schools must support and promote teaching and learning environments where all students thrive academically and socially, have a strong and meaningful voice, and are prepared for lifelong success.

Implementation of the following set of guiding principles and systemic strategies will promote a positive school climate, which is essential to achieving these goals.

This policy sets forth the framework for an effective and informed school climate improvement process, which includes a continuous cycle of (i) planning and preparation, (ii) evaluation, (iii) action planning, and (iv) implementation, and serves to actualize the Connecticut School Climate Standards, as detailed herein.

The Board recognizes that improving school climate is contextual. Each school needs to consider its history, strengths, needs, and goals. Furthermore, this policy will support and promote the development of restorative action plans that will create and sustain safe and equitable learning environments.

The Granby Board of Education adopts this policy.

Definitions

1. **“School climate”** means the quality and character of the school life, with a particular focus on the quality of the relationships within the school community, and which is based on patterns of people's experiences of school life and that reflects the norms, goals, values, interpersonal relationships, teaching, learning, leadership practices and organizational structures within the school community.
2. **“Positive Sustained School Climate”** is the foundation for learning and positive youth development and includes:
 - a. Norms, values, and expectations that support people feeling socially, emotionally, culturally, racially, intellectually, and physically safe.
 - b. People who treat one another with dignity and are engaged, respected and solve problems restoratively.
 - c. A school community that works collaboratively together to develop, live, and contribute to a shared school vision.
 - d. Adults who model and nurture attitudes that emphasize the benefits and satisfaction gained from learning; and
 - e. A school community that contributes to the operations of the school and the care of the physical environment.

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3. **“Social and emotional learning”** means the process through which children and adults achieve emotional intelligence through the competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and responsible decision-making.
4. **“Emotional intelligence”** means the ability to (A) perceive, recognize, and understand emotions in oneself or others, (B) use emotions to facilitate cognitive activities, including, but not limited to, reasoning, problem solving and interpersonal communication, (C) understand and identify emotions, and (D) manage emotions in oneself and others.
5. **“Bullying”** means unwanted and aggressive behavior among children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.
6. **“School environment”** means a school-sponsored or school-related activity, function or program, whether on or off school grounds, including at a school bus stop or on a school bus or other vehicle owned, leased or used by a local or regional board of education, and may include other activities, functions or programs that occur outside of a school-sponsored or school-related activity, function or program if bullying at or during such other activities, functions or programs negatively impacts the school environment.
7. **“Cyberbullying”** means any act of bullying through the use of the Internet, interactive and digital technologies, cellular mobile telephone or other mobile electronic devices or any other electronic communication.
8. **“Teen dating violence”** means any act of physical, emotional or sexual abuse, including stalking, harassing and threatening, that occurs between two students who are currently in or who have recently been in a dating relationship.
9. **“Mobile electronic device”** means any hand-held or other portable electronic equipment capable of providing data communication between two or more individuals, including, but not limited to, a text messaging device, a paging device, a personal digital assistant, a laptop computer, equipment that is capable of playing a video game or a digital video disk or equipment on which digital images are taken or transmitted.
10. **“Electronic communication”** means any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or in part by a wire, radio, electromagnetic, photoelectronic or photo-optical system.

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11. **“School climate improvement plan”** means a building-specific plan developed by the school climate committee, in collaboration with the school climate specialist, using school climate survey data and any other relevant information, through a process that engages all members of the school community and involves such members in a series of overlapping systemic improvements, school-wide instructional practices and relational practices that prevent, identify and respond to challenging behavior, including, but not limited to alleged bullying and harassment in the school environment.
12. **“Restorative practices”** means evidence and research-based system-level practices that focus on (A) building high-quality, constructive relationships among the school community, (B) holding each student accountable for any challenging behavior, and (C) ensuring each such student has a role in repairing relationships and reintegrating into the school community.
13. **“School climate survey”** means a research-based, validated and developmentally appropriate survey administered to students, school employees and families of students, in the predominant languages of the members of the school community, that measures and identifies school climate needs and tracks progress through a school climate improvement plan.
14. **“Connecticut school climate policy”** means the school climate policy developed, updated and approved by an association in the state that represents boards of education and adopted by the Social and Emotional Learning and School Climate Advisory Collaborative, established pursuant to section 10-222q of the general statutes, as amended by this act, that provides a framework for an effective and democratically informed school climate improvement process that serves to implement Connecticut school climate standards, and includes a continuous cycle of (A) planning and preparation, (B) evaluation, (C) action planning, and (D) implementation.
15. **“School employee”** means (A) a teacher, substitute teacher, administrator, school superintendent, school counselor, school psychologist, social worker, school nurse, physician, paraeducator or coach employed by a local or regional board of education, or (B) any other individual who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular contact with students and who provides services to or on behalf of students enrolled in a public school, pursuant to a contract with a local or regional board of education.
16. **“School community”** means any individuals, groups, businesses, public institutions and nonprofit organizations that are invested in the welfare and vitality of a public school system and the community in which it is located, including, but not limited to, students and their families, members of the local or regional board of education, volunteers at a school and school employees.

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17. **“Challenging behavior”** means behavior that negatively impacts school climate or interferes, or is at risk of interfering, with the learning or safety of a student or the safety of a school employee.
18. **“Evidence Based Practices”** in education refers to instructional and school-wide improvement practices that systematic empirical research has provided evidence of statistically significant effectiveness.
19. **“Effective School Climate Improvement”** is a restorative process that engages all stakeholders in the following six essential practices:
 - A. Promoting decision-making that is collaborative and actively involves all stakeholders (e.g., school personnel, students, families, community members) with varied and meaningful roles and perspectives where all voices are heard;
 - B. Utilizing psychometrically sound quantitative (e.g., school climate survey, discipline data) and qualitative (e.g., interviews, focus groups) data to drive action planning, preventive and intervention practices and implementation strategies that continuously improve all dimensions of school climate, including regularly collecting data to evaluate progress and inform the improvement process;
 - C. Tailoring improvement goals to the unique needs of the students, educators, and broader school community. These goals shall be integrated into overall school improvement efforts thereby leveraging school strengths to address evidence-based areas of need, while sustaining the improvement process over time;
 - D. Fostering adult learning in teams and/or professional learning communities to build capacity building among school personnel and develop common staff skills to educate the whole child;
 - E. Basing curriculum, instruction, student supports, and interventions on scientific research and grounding in cognitive, social-emotional, and psychological theories of youth development. Interventions include strength-based programs and practices that together represent a comprehensive continuum of approaches to promote healthy student development and positive learning environments as well as address individual student barriers to learning and adult barriers to teaching; and
 - F. Strengthening policies and procedures related to:
 - a. climate and restorative informed teaching and learning environments;
 - b. infrastructure to facilitate data collection, analysis, and effective planning;
 - c. implementation of school climate improvement plans with the goal of becoming restorative;
 - d. evaluation of the school climate improvement process; and
 - e. sustainability of school climate and restorative improvement efforts.

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School Climate Coordinator Roles and Responsibilities

For the school year commencing July 1, 2025, and each school year thereafter, the superintendent of schools for each school district, or an administrator appointed by the superintendent, shall serve as the school climate coordinator for the school district.

The school climate coordinator shall be responsible for:

1. providing district-level leadership and support for the implementation of the school climate improvement plan for each school;
2. collaborating with the school climate specialist, for each school to (A) develop a continuum of strategies to prevent, identify and respond to challenging behavior, including, but not limited to, alleged bullying and harassment in the school environment, and (B) communicate such strategies to the school community, including, but not limited to, through publication in the district student handbook;
3. collecting and maintaining data regarding school climate improvement, including, but not limited to, school discipline records, school climate assessments, attendance rates, social and emotional learning assessments, academic growth data, types and numbers of alleged and verified bullying complaints submitted by members of the school community, types and numbers of challenging behaviors addressed using the restorative practices response policy, and data concerning the implementation and outcome of restorative practices; and
4. meeting with the school climate specialist for each school at least twice during the school year to (A) identify strategies to improve school climate, including, but not limited to, by responding to challenging behavior and implementing evidence and research-based interventions, such as restorative practices, (B) propose recommendations for revisions to the school climate improvement plan, and (C) assist with the completion of the school climate survey.

School Climate Specialist

For the school year commencing July 1, 2025, and each school year thereafter, the principal of each school, or a school employee who holds professional certification pursuant to section 10-145 of the general statutes, is trained in school climate improvement or restorative practices and is designated as the school climate specialist by the school principal, shall serve as the school climate specialist for the school.

The school climate specialist shall be responsible for:

1. leading in the prevention, identification, and response to challenging behavior, including, but not limited to, reports of alleged bullying and harassment;

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2. implementing evidence and research-based interventions, including, but not limited to, restorative practices;
3. scheduling meetings for and leading the school climate committee; and
4. leading the implementation of the school climate improvement plan.

School Climate Committee

For the school year commencing July 1, 2025, and each school year thereafter, each school climate specialist shall appoint members to the school climate committee who are diverse, including members who are racially, culturally, and linguistically representative of various roles in the school community.

The school climate committee shall consist of:

1. the school climate specialist;
2. a teacher selected by the exclusive bargaining representative for certified employees chosen pursuant to section 10-153b of the general statutes;
3. a demographically representative group of students enrolled at the school, as developmentally appropriate;
4. families of students enrolled at the school; and
5. at least two members of the school community, as determined by the school climate specialist.

Membership of the school climate committee shall be annually reviewed and approved by the school climate specialist, in coordination with the school climate coordinator.

The school climate committee shall be responsible for:

1. assisting in the development, annual scheduling, and administration of the school climate survey, and reviewing of the school climate survey data.
2. using the school climate survey data to identify strengths and challenges to improve school climate, and to create or propose revisions to the school climate improvement plan.

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School Climate Committee (continued)

3. assisting in the implementation of the school climate improvement plan and recommending any improvements or revisions to the plan.
4. advising on strategies to improve school climate and implementing evidence and research-based interventions, including, but not limited to, restorative practices, in the school community.
5. annually providing notice of the uniform challenging behavior and/or bullying complaint form, or similar complaint form used by the school, to the school community.

School Climate Survey

For the school year commencing July 1, 2025, and biennially thereafter, the school climate committee, for each school, shall administer a school climate survey to students, school employees and families of students, provided the parent or guardian of each student shall receive prior written notice of the content and administration of such school climate survey and shall have a reasonable opportunity to opt such student out of such school climate survey.

School Climate Improvement Plan

For the school year commencing July 1, 2025, and each school year thereafter, the school climate specialist, for each school, in collaboration with the school climate coordinator, shall develop, and update as necessary, a school climate improvement plan. Such plan shall be based on the results of the school climate survey, any recommendations from the school climate committee, including the protocols, supports, and any other data the school climate specialist and school climate coordinator deem relevant. Such plan shall be submitted to the school climate coordinator for review and approval on or before December thirty-first of each school year. Upon approval of such plan, a written or electronic copy of such plan shall be made available to members of the school community and such plan shall be used in the prevention of, identification of and response to all challenging behavior.

Additionally, districts may place the school climate improvement plans into their district and school improvement plans.

Training

For the school year commencing July 1, 2024, and each school year thereafter, each local and regional Board of Education shall provide resources and training to school employees regarding:

1. social and emotional learning;
2. school climate and culture and evidence and research-based interventions; and
3. restorative practices.

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Training (continued)

Such resources and training may be made available at each school under the jurisdiction of such board and include technical assistance in the implementation of a school climate improvement plan. Any school employee may participate in any such training offered by the board under this section. The school climate coordinator, shall select, and approve, the individuals or organizations that will provide such training.

Funding

The school district shall in its discretion allocate sufficient funding to satisfy the requirements of this policy for all schools in the district. Such funding shall be distributed accordingly, with Superintendent approval, for assessments and professional development, as well as for school community outreach, training, and technical assistance.

Accountability

The Board shall adopt and allocate adequate resources to support the Connecticut School Climate Policy and adhere to state regulations set forth in Public Act 23-167.

Connecticut School Climate Standards

1. The school district community² has a shared vision and plan for promoting and sustaining a positive school climate³ that focuses on prevention, identification, and response to all challenging behavior⁴.
2. The school district community adopts policies that promote:
 - a. a sound school environment that develops and sustains academic, social, emotional, ethical, civic, and intellectual skills; and
 - b. a restorative school environment focused on overcoming barriers to teaching and learning by building and supporting meaningful school-wide relationships, and intentionally re-engaging any disengaged students, educators, and families of students in the school community.

² School Community means any individuals, groups or businesses, public institutions and nonprofit organizations invested in the welfare and vitality of a public school system and the community in which it is located, including, but not limited to, students and their families, members of the local or regional board of education, volunteers at a school and school employees.

³ School climate means the quality and character of the school life, with a particular focus on the quality of relationships within the school community, and which is based on patterns of people's experiences of school life, and that reflects the norms, goals, values and interpersonal relationships, teaching, learning, leadership practices and organizational structures within the school community.

⁴ Challenging behavior means behavior that negatively impacts school climate or interferes, or is at risk of interfering, with the learning or safety of a student or the safety of a school employee.

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Connecticut School Climate Standards (continued)

3. The school community's practices are identified, prioritized, and supported to:
 - a. promote learning and the positive academic, social, emotional, ethical, and civic development of students;
 - b. enhance engagement in teaching, learning, and school-wide activities;
 - c. address barriers to teaching and learning; and
 - d. develop and sustain a restorative infrastructure that builds capacity, accountability, and sustainability.
4. The school community creates a school environment⁵ where *everyone* is safe, welcomed, supported, and included in all school-based activities.
5. The school community creates a restorative system that cultivates a sense of belonging through norms and activities that promote social and civic responsibility, and a dedication to cultural responsiveness, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-222d Policy on bullying behavior as amended by PA 08-160, P.A. 11-232, P.A. 14-172 and PA 18-15 and PA 19-166.
10-222g Prevention and intervention strategy re bullying and teen dating violence
10-222h Analysis of school districts' efforts re prevention of and response to bullying in schools. School climate assessment instruments
10-222i State-wide safe school climate resource network. *[Repealed, Effective 7/1/2025 State-wide safe school climate resource network]*
10-222k District safe school climate coordinator. Safe school climate specialist. Safe school climate committee (as amended by PA 21-95, Section 14)
10-222p Review of safe school climate plans by Department of Education. Approval or rejection.
PA 23-167 An Act Concerning Transparency in Education

Policy adopted:
cps 11/23

⁵ School environment means a school-sponsored or school-related activity, function or program, whether on or off school grounds, including at a school bus stop or on a school bus or other vehicle owned, leased or used by a local or regional board of education, and may include other activities, functions or programs if bullying at or during such other activities, functions, or programs negatively impacts the school environment.

Challenging Behavior Reporting Form

This form is not required by law or policy but serves as a model challenging behavior reporting form that local and regional boards of education may adapt and adopt.

Instructions

This form is for **students, parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school, and school employees** to report any alleged challenging behavioral incidents. Challenging behavior is behavior that negatively impacts school climate or interferes, or is at risk with interfering, with the learning or safety of a student or the safety of a school employee. This form should also be used to report alleged bullying incidents, meaning: unwanted and aggressive behavior among children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, that involves a real or perceived power imbalance.

Complete this form electronically, or in writing, or go to your school climate specialist (principal, vice principal, or other certified administrator) who will assist you with completing this form. All completed reports require a response from the school climate specialist, and every student, parent or guardian, and school employee **who completed this form** will receive a copy of the "Response Process(es) Notification Form" describing the action steps taken, within three (3) school business days after an assessment has been completed.

The school climate specialist will assess the facts of a challenging behavior incident and complete the "Response Process(es) Notification Form" (located on page 5 of this document). A confirmation of receipt of the "challenging behavior reporting form" will be provided to the individual who completed this form within **three (3) school business days**, and the behavioral assessment will be finalized within a reasonable amount of time.

If this is an emergency, and you feel that you or someone else is in imminent danger, please call 911, or your municipal police department.

Name: First _____ Last _____ or check here for any **student** who would like to submit anonymously.

I am a: Student, Parent and/or Guardian or School Employee

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact me by: Phone Email

Was this previously reported to any school employee prior to this report? If yes, identify to whom, when, and what was reported? _____

Where did the incident occur? _____

Check any boxes that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> On school property | <input type="checkbox"/> On a school bus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At a school-sponsored activity or off school property | <input type="checkbox"/> On the way to/from school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic communication, internet, and social media | <input type="checkbox"/> Outside of school |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Approximate date of incident (if known): _____

This form does not modify or eliminate any rights or obligations under state and federal laws, including, any constitutional and civil rights protections, or any applicable policies and procedures or collective bargaining agreements. All students' private and personal information will remain confidential throughout this process, subject to any wavier rights or disclosure responsibilities as permitted or required by law.

Please note: when a student exhibits challenging behavior, our priority is to ensure the safety of the students and the school, and to work with the student(s) to prevent the recurrence of such behavior, including making amends for any challenging behaviors that occurred. Federal law protects the privacy of each student. Therefore, you cannot be provided with any specific information concerning the student alleged to have engaged in the challenging behavior.

Please describe what happened?

Of the following statement(s) check any that may describe or include what happened:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Teasing, name-calling, intimidating, or threatening, in person or through electronic communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Making intimidating, and/or threatening gestures or remarks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spreading rumors or gossip | <input type="checkbox"/> Getting another person to do any of the behaviors listed above |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hitting, kicking, shoving, spitting, hair pulling, or throwing something or other acts of physical aggression | <input type="checkbox"/> Unwanted contact of a sexual nature (verbal, non-verbal, physical) |

Do you believe that the reported instance(s) of challenging behavior was in reference to a student's perceived or actual age, ancestry, color, learning disability, marital status, intellectual disability, national origin, physical disability, mental disability, race, religious creed, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, and status as a veteran? If so, why?

If known, provide the name(s) of any witness(es) of the alleged incident: _____

Date form submitted: _____

***For school climate specialist use only:**

Date received by school climate specialist: _____

Signature of receipt by school climate specialist: _____

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Investigation Form

The purpose of this form is to provide a streamlined process to assess reported instances of challenging behavior.

This form is to be completed by the school climate specialist within a reasonable amount of time. Pursuant to the Federal Education Confidentiality Law (FERPA), students, parents or guardians, and school employees that completed the challenging behavior reporting form **cannot** receive a copy of this "Investigation Form" but will be provided with a copy of the "Response Process(es) Notification Form" after an assessment is completed.

Date "Challenging Behavior Reporting Form" received: _____

Today's Date: _____

Name of school climate specialist who received the report: _____

Were these events already reported to any school employee? If yes, please identify to whom, when, and what was reported _____

Name of school community member who is reporting the incident: (student, parent or guardian, school or district employee, bystander, anonymous): _____

Name of student or students who were allegedly subjected to the challenging behavior: _____

Name of person or persons who allegedly engaged in the challenging behavior: _____

Where did the alleged incident occur? _____

Date and time alleged incident occurred: (if known): _____

Description of the alleged incident: _____

What investigative processes occurred? Answer all of the following questions below. A single incident may require an assessment into multiple areas. Please check all that apply.

Was this investigated as bullying? YES NO
Was this a verified act of bullying? YES NO
Was this investigated as cyberbullying? YES NO
Was this a verified act of cyberbullying? YES NO
Was this investigated as teen dating violence? YES NO
Was this verified teen dating violence? YES or NO
Was this investigated as an assault? YES NO
Was this a verified assault? YES or NO
Was this investigated as an act of physical violence?
YES NO

Was this a verified act of physical violence?
YES or NO
Was this investigated as a protected class violation/
harassment? YES NO
Was this a verified protected class violation/harassment?
YES NO
Was this investigated as a Title IX violation? YES NO

Was this a verified Title IX violation? YES or NO
Was this a verified act of challenging behavior not listed
above? YES NO

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What was the response by the school climate specialist? (E.g., utilization of restorative practices, school-based threat assessment, safety plan, student support services) Additionally, provide the date of each response.

If applicable, please provide any additional notes, observations, or actions taken as a result of this incident:

Signature or E-signature of responding school climate specialist: _____

Printed name: _____

Date of response: _____

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Response Process(es) Notification Form

The purpose of this form is to provide a template for transparency and accountability to a person(s) that submit(s) a report of challenging behavior.

The school climate specialist will complete and submit this form within three (3) school business days **after an assessment has been finalized** and submit it to the student(s), parent(s), or guardian(s), and/or school employee(s) who completed the "Challenging Behavior Reporting Form".

Describe the steps taken to address and prevent future instance(s) of challenging behavior(s). Responses may include:

- utilization of restorative practices;
- the completion of a school-based threat assessment;
- safety plan for student(s) involved in the instance of alleged challenging behavior;
- student support services;

Signature or E-signature of school climate specialist: _____

Printed name: _____

Date completed: _____

Definitions and Clarifying Terms

Restorative Practices: Evidence and research-based system-level practices that focus on (A) building high-quality, constructive relationships among the school community, (B) holding each student accountable for any challenging behavior, and (C) ensuring each such student has a role in repairing relationships and reintegrating into the school community.

School Based Threat Assessment: An evidence-based systematic evaluation process used to prevent violence, help troubled students, and avoid over-reactions to challenging behavior.

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Ages of Attendance/Admissions/Placement

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-186, the Board of Education shall provide education for all persons, residing in the District, five years of age and over, who reach age five on or before the first day of September of any school year, and under twenty-one (age twenty-two for special education students) who is not a graduate of a high school or vocational school, except as provided in Connecticut General Statutes 10-233c and 10-233d.

Additionally, according to Connecticut General Statute 10-76d (b2), special education will be provided for children who have attained the age of three and who have been identified as being in need of special education, and whose educational potential will be irreparably diminished without special education. If a special education student is being considered for an exception, the Planning and Placement Team (PPT) will make a recommendation to the administrator in charge of special education.

In order to determine a child's eligibility for ELL programs, parents/guardians of all new students enrolling for the first time and all re-enrolling students who have not previously attended a Connecticut public school must complete a Home Language Survey (HLS) at the time of enrollment. A student may also take a screening exam. The student must be enrolled first before the administration of the assessment. Neither the survey nor the exam is a condition of enrollment.

Children who apply for initial admission to the District's schools by transfer from nonpublic schools or from schools outside the District will be placed at the grade they would have reached elsewhere pending observation and evaluation by classroom teachers, guidance personnel, and the school Principal. After such observations and evaluations have been completed, the Principal will determine the final grade placement of the children.

Parents and those who have the control of children five years of age and over and under eighteen years of age, are obligated by Connecticut law to require their children to attend public day school or its equivalent in the District in which such child resides, unless such child is a high school graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the public schools. Students under age eighteen are subject to mandatory attendance laws unless they are at least seventeen and their parent/guardian, or other person having control of the child, consents to such child's removal from school. The parent or person shall exercise this option by personally appearing at the school district office to sign a withdrawal form.

Such a withdrawal form shall include an attestation from a guidance counselor, school counselor or school administrator of the student's school. The form must note the District has provided the parent or person with information on the educational opportunities/options available in the school system and in the community. The withdrawal form must also attest that the child will be enrolled in an adult education program upon the child's withdrawal from school.

Students

Ages of Attendance/Admissions/Placement (Cont'd)

Enrollment

The enrollment process shall be focused on obtaining only the information deemed necessary to establish residency and age. The District shall not request other information as a condition of enrollment or state in its policies or on its websites or otherwise, that other information is required to enroll children. The District shall immediately enroll a homeless child and allow such student to attend school even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment. Additional data collection may occur, but it must be completed in such a manner that does not interfere with the enrollment of a child in school.

Each child entering the District schools for the first time must present a birth certificate or offer legal evidence of birth data, as well as proof of a recent physical examination and required immunizations. Other documents that may be accepted as proof of a child's age include, but are not limited to, a photocopy of a birth certificate, earlier school records, state-issued identification document, driver's license or passport, parent's affidavit or unsworn statement as to a child's age, physician's certificate verifying a child's age, or immunization records.

If the parents or guardians of any children are unable to pay for such immunizations and/or physicals, the expense of such immunizations and/or physicals shall on the recommendation of the Board, be paid by the Town. Proof of domicile may also be requested by the Building Principal.

The parent or person having control of a child five years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of age by December 31st of any school year. The parent or person having control of a child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of age by December 31st of any school year.

Any child entering or returning to the District from placement in a juvenile detention school, the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, or any other residential placement, shall have the educational records of such child provided to the Superintendent of Schools by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the Judicial Department. Such information will be shared with the Principal of the school to which the student is assigned. The Principal can disclose them to the staff who teach or care for the child.

The District will immediately enroll any student who transfers from Unified District No. 1 or Unified District No 2. A student transferring from the Unified School Districts who had previously attended school in the local District shall be enrolled in the school such student previously attended, provided such school has the appropriate grade level for the student.

Students

Ages of Attendance/Admissions/Placement (Cont'd)

Residency

The District, when determining residency, shall not request documentation of citizenship or immigration status of a child or the child's parents/guardians. The Board believes such documentation is not relevant to establishing residency.

In the establishment of residency, the Board will accept such documentation as, but not limited to, a lease agreement, mortgage document, property tax record, rent receipt, home owner's insurance, current utility bill, current proof of government benefits, CT driver's license, automobile registration or insurance. An Affidavit of Residence, properly executed, shall also be acceptable.

For purposes of establishing the residency of a child of a member of the armed forces, as defined in C.G.S. 27-103, and who is seeking enrollment in a district school, in which such child is not yet a resident, the Board shall accept the military orders directing such member to Connecticut or any other documents from the armed forces indicating the transfer of such member to Connecticut as proof of residency in the District.

The above requirements are not to serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students, designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by the ESSA. The District shall work with the local child welfare agency, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary enrollment documentation. The District shall immediately enroll a homeless student and allow such student to attend school even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment.

The parent/guardian of any child who is denied admission to the District's schools, or an unaccompanied minor, a student eighteen years of age or older, a homeless child or youth or an unaccompanied youth who is denied schooling on the basis of residency, or an agent or officer charged with the enforcement of the laws concerning attendance at school may request, in writing, a hearing by the Board of Education.

The parent or person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The District shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

A child who has attained the age of seventeen and who has voluntarily terminated enrollment with parental consent in the District's schools and subsequently seeks readmission may be denied readmission for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination unless such child seeks readmission to the District not later than ten (10) school days after such termination in which case the Board shall provide school accommodations to such child not later than three school days after such child seeks readmission.

Students

Ages of Attendance/Admissions/Placement

Residency (Cont'd)

A child who has attained the age of nineteen or older may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable educational program if he/she cannot acquire a sufficient number of credits for graduation by age twenty-one.

In summary:

- ❖ A parent with a child 5 and **under 18** is obligated to have that child attend school.
 - Unless the child graduated High School
 - Unless the parent demonstrates the child is receiving equivalent instruction elsewhere.
- ❖ Students **under 18** are subject to mandatory attendance laws
 - Unless they are at least 17 and the parent consents to the child's removal from school having demonstrated the child is receiving equivalent instruction elsewhere.
- ❖ The parent must personally appear at the school district office, and sign a withdrawal form. **(18-year-old)**
 - The form must include an attestation from a guidance counselor, school counselor, or school administrator
 - The attestation must indicate that the parent or student received information regarding educational programs or options available in the school or community.
- ❖ The parent must personally appear at the school district office, and sign a withdrawal form. **(17-year-old)**
 - The form must include an attestation from a guidance counselor, school counselor, or school administrator
 - The attestation must indicate that the parent or student received information regarding educational programs or options available in the school or community.
 - The parent or guardian must attest that the 17-year-old withdrawing student has enrolled in an adult education program
- ❖ The parent with a five-year-old has the option of not sending a child until 6.
- ❖ The parent with a six-year-old has the option of not sending a child until 7.

(cf. 5118.1 - Homeless Students)

(cf. 5118.3 - Children in Foster Care)

(cf. 6146 - Graduation Requirements)

Students

Ages of Attendance

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
4-176e to 4-180a Agency hearings
4-181a Contested cases. Reconsideration. Modifications.
10-15 Towns to maintain schools
10-15c Discrimination in public schools prohibited. School attendance by five-year-olds
10-76a - 10-76g re special education
10-184 Duties of parents (re mandatory schooling for children ages five to sixteen, inclusive) as amended by PA-98-243, PA 00-157, PA 09-6 (September Special Session) and PA 18-15
10-186 Duties of local and regional boards of education re school attendance. Hearings. (as amended by P.A. 19-179)
P.A. 19-179 An Act concerning Homeless Students; Access to education Appeals to State Board. Establishment of hearing board
10-233a - 10-233f Inclusive; re: suspend, expel, removal of pupils
10-233c Suspension of pupils
10-233d Expulsion of pupils
State Board of Education Regulations
10-76a-1 General definitions (c) (d) (q) (t)
P.A. 19-179 An Act Concerning Homeless Students' Access to Education "Guidance for Connecticut School Districts: Enrollment Process and Practice," State Department of Education, December 2019.
P.A. 21-86 An Act Concerning the Enrollment of Children of Members of the Armed Forces in Public Schools and the Establishment of a Purple Star School Program
McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (PL 107-110 Sec. 1032) 42 U.S.C. §11431-11435, as amended by the ESSA, P.L. 114-95
Federal Register: McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children & Youths Program, Vol. 81 No. 52, 3/17/2016

DECLARATION OF LEGAL RESIDENCY
Family Members Living with Relatives or Family Friends

To be completed by property owner

Property Owner: _____

Name of Property Owner – Please print

If the living arrangement of the student should change from what is stated on this form, it is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the Office of the Superintendent within five (5) business days in writing.

Signature of Property Owner – Sign in the Presence of Notary Public

Property Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

The Property Owner must accompany the parents to the meeting with the Superintendent of Schools to present this document.

Children and Family Member living with Property Owner

Adult #1 _____ Adult # 2 _____

Child #1 _____ Child # 2 _____

Child #3 _____ Child # 4 _____

I am making the above statements as a true and bona fide representations, I fully understand that if I make a statement that is false and which is intended to mislead a public servant in the performance of his/her function, I will be in violation of Section 53-157b of the Connecticut General Statutes. The section of the law refers to making a fraudulent statement is a **Class A misdemeanor** and is punishable by a fine, not to exceed \$1,000 and/or up to one year of incarceration.

I further understand that I may be required to update this information at any time and agree to do so upon request from the Granby Board of Education. I may be made to pay for services received if such services were delivered under fraudulent statements and/or circumstances.

NOTARIZED SECTION

On this date _____ appeared before me personally

Month/Day/Year

Print Name of Property Owner

To be known as the individual described herein, and who executed this foregoing document, and he/she duly acknowledged to me under oath to the truth of his/her statement, before me.

Signature of Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date

SEAL

**5112
Form #1
(Cont'd)**

This form is to be completed by the custodial parent, guardian and student (where applicable). Once the forms are completed and notarized, a meeting with the Superintendent should be schedules. Call _____.

PLEASE FILL IN ALL BLANKS

School: _____ Grade: _____

Student's Name: _____ Address: _____

Home telephone number: _____ Name under which number is listed: _____

Name of student's father: _____ Father's address: _____

Street, town, zip

Name of student's mother: _____ Mother's address: _____

Street, town, zip

Please answer the following questions:

- Is remuneration to be received for housing the student, i.e., room, board, travel, medical? Yes (please specify) No
- List major reasons for the child residing in _____ :

- Name of person(s) having direct and primary responsibility/authority of the student's daily affairs:

- Name of person(s) authorized to act in child's behalf concerning any medical, disciplinary, or administrative matters: _____-

Signature (Parent/Legal Guardian) _____ Date : _____

I hereby declare under the penalties of perjury that all of the information supplied on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if any of the information is incorrect, and the student is not entitled to enroll tuition-free as a _____ resident, the student shall be discharged from enrollment in the _____ Public Schools according to the Connecticut General Statutes, Section 10-186, and 10-253, and the prevailing tuition charge for such student will be assessed against me and/or us for each day the student was so enrolled.

NOTARIZED SECTION

On this date _____ appeared before me personally
Month/Day/Year Print Name of Property Owner

To be known as the individual described herein, and who executed this foregoing document, and he/she duly acknowledged to me under oath to the truth of his/her statement, before me.

Signature of Notary Public Commission Expiration Date **SEAL**

Once this document is completed and notarized, a meeting with the superintendent must be scheduled before enrollment is completed.

Superintendent's Approval: _____ **Date:** _____

GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Granby, Connecticut

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OPTION TO EXEMPT ATTENDANCE OF
CHILD FIVE OR SIX YEARS OF AGE FROM SCHOOL

Pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes,

I _____, of _____
Name of Parent, Guardian or Other *Address*

the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the following minor child

_____, of _____ who was
Name of Child *Address*

born on _____ do hereby choose not to send my child to public
Date

school during the _____.
School Year

Furthermore, before signing this form, a representative of the _____
Name of District

school district met with me and provided me with information concerning the educational
opportunities and school accommodations available in the school system.

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Other

Date

GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Granby, Connecticut

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OPTION TO WITHDRAW CHILD
SEVENTEEN YEARS OF AGE FROM SCHOOL

Pursuant to Section 10-184 of the Connecticut General Statutes,

I _____, of _____
Name of Parent, Guardian or Other *Address*

the parent, guardian or other person charged with the care of the following minor child

_____, of _____
Name Child *Address*

born on _____ do hereby elect to withdraw from public school.
Date of birth

Furthermore, before signing this form, a representative of the _____
Name of District

school district met with me and provided me with information concerning the educational options available in the school system and the community.

ATTESTMENT BY:

Signature of School Counselor *Date*

OR

Signature of School Administrator *Date*

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:

Signature of Parent, Guardian or Other *Date*

A child seventeen years of age or older who voluntarily terminates enrollment in a school district and subsequently seeks readmission, the local or regional board of education for the school district may deny school accommodations to the child for up to ninety school days from the date of such termination. Unless the child seeks readmission to the school district not later than ten school days after the termination in which case the board shall provide school accommodations to the child not later than three school days after the child seeks readmission.

GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Granby, Connecticut

Request for a Waiver

**To Request an Exemption to Public Act 23-208
Establishing an Age 5 Kindergarten Cutoff Date of September 1**

Pursuant to Public Act 23-208 of the Connecticut General Statutes,

I, _____, of _____
Name of Parent or Guardian *Address*

the parent, guardian, or other person charged with the care of the following child,

_____, of _____ who was born
Name of Child *Address*

on _____ request that my child attend kindergarten prior to reaching five
Date of Birth

(5) years of age on September 1st. I understand that my child will be subject to an assessment by the principal and a certified staff member, who will determine whether admitting my child is “developmentally appropriate.”

Acknowledged by:

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date



Date: May 7, 2025

To: Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee of the Granby Board of Education

From: Jennifer M. Parsons, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Subject: May Monthly Update

Curriculum & Assessment Updates

At our District Leadership Team meeting in April, leaders learned about and brainstormed ideas for a five year curriculum review cycle and the yearly tasks associated with the steps in such a cycle. They reviewed the curriculum platform template and discussed where their respective departments currently are with curriculum documentation. Staff also discussed needs for summer work and will be submitting proposals in the next couple of weeks. Additionally, departments are creating their assessment calendars for next year and are determining which assessments should be reported in our data system and when those reports will be due.

Secondary Scheduling Progress

Secondary principals and assistant principals met last week to discuss the details and finalize the bell schedules for regular, advisory/CREW and extended block days. They will be working on the early release, late opening and assembly schedules and how to coordinate across buildings with a central event calendar. Staff will be working further with instructional practices related to the schedule on the May 23rd professional learning day. In addition, administrators will be coordinating on the supervisory duties and professional period assignments across buildings. We are currently expecting a few world language teachers to be shared across buildings next year. Overarching scheduling shifts have been shared with students and families. Overall, both buildings have made very good progress with integrating the shifts within the planning for their master schedules and they plan to run these schedules in the near future. We expect to meet the needs of our students and faculty with ease. The only electives not running are those that did not meet the minimum course requirements and counselors are working with students on alternatives in these cases.

Year End Planning

This time of year is filled with year end planning and looking ahead to the coming school year. Some of the tasks associated with this include selecting the 2026 Teacher of the Year, planning the new professional learning calendar, and monitoring staffing changes. Additionally school climate surveys are issued in May. Copies of these surveys go out to families at each school, students in grade 6-12, and all district staff, certified and non-certified. Data collected is compared to past years' data as well as to data within this year to inform school climate efforts and goals for the upcoming year. Administrators will work for two days after school gets out as a team to reflect on this year's work and plan for the year ahead!