## San Pasqual Valley Unified School District



#### SPVHS/BMHS



2022-2023

## **Student / Parent Handbook**

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Anastasia Noriega

#### Principal's Message

"When you are in doubt, be still, and wait; when doubt no longer exists for you, then go forward with courage" These words of Ponca Chief White Eagle embody the focus of our efforts here at San Pasqual Valley High School and Bill M. Manes Alternative High School. We are a community dedicated to the idea of preparing our young men and women to "go forward with courage."

Your years in high school will fly by, and in the short time we have with you we will work together to prepare you for the journey you will face long after you walk out of our gates. We will challenge you, test you, support you and guide you. We will expose you to new activities, and new ways of doing things. We will share in your successes and support you in difficult times. We will help you find answers, and more importantly, we will help you discover new questions.

Together we will all grow as a community. We will face our doubts and go forward with courage, as WARRIORS!

# <u>SPVHS Vision and Mission Statement</u> San Pasqual Valley High School Mission Statement:

The mission of San Pasqual Valley High School is to empower and inspire all students to become productive citizens in the global community by providing a unique, individualized, and inclusive education.

#### **Vision Statement:**

San Pasqual Valley High School students will be empowered with a strong sense of self and purpose. Each student will graduate from high school equipped with skills and capacities for college, career, and/or workforce.

#### **BILL M. MANES Mission Statement**

The mission at the San Pasqual Valley Continuation Center is to provide a highquality standards-based education in an alternative setting from the comprehensive high school so that a student can improve his/her basic academic skills and successfully return to graduate from the comprehensive high school or graduate from the center. To achieve this mission, we will:

- Provide standards-based instruction and materials
- Develop an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for each student.
- Provide a safe and orderly environment for student learning.
- Promote respect of self, others, and property



### **SPVHS Office Staff**

Principal Ms. Noriega
Secretary Ms. Kish
Outreach Ms. Wright
Attend Clerk Ms. Hotel
Librarian Ms. Ruiz
Counselor Ms. Paz
Counselor Sec Ms. Aguilar

Guidance/Fam Coordinator Ms. Rodriguez

#### **Bill M. Manes Office Staff**

Principal Mrs. Katrina Johnson León

Secretary Ms. Kish
Counselor Ms. Paz
Counselor Sec Ms. Aguilar
Outreach Ms. Wright

#### **SPVHS Teaching Staff**

Mr. Arias Ms. Malvido Ms. Muñoz Ms. Armstrong Ms. Blackmer Ms. Pliego Mr. Casian Ms. Porchas Mr. Duggan Mr. Rush Ms. Gonzalez Mr. Sanders Ms. Jeffers Ms. Wallace Mr. Winterholler Ms. Madrigal

#### **Bill M. Manes Teaching and Support**

Mr. Duggan Ms. Bouts Ms. Wright

#### SUPPORT STAFF AND SERVICES

#### San Pasqual Valley USD Governing Board Policies, Procedures, and Regulations

A copy of the SPVUSD policies, procedures and regulations is available at the district office. Students, parents, and members of the community have access to them, and may review them, upon request.

#### Counselor: Ms. Paz (ext. 2295)

We encourage students to meet with the counselor as needed. The counseling office is in the Administration building on the high school campus. The counselor is a trained professional who can answer your questions and help solve problems in education, learning, and personal matters. The counseling secretary can set up an appointment for you to meet with the counselor. The secretary also takes care of permanent records including immunizations and school enrollment.

#### **Attendance Clerk: Ms. Hotel**

It is especially important that all absences are cleared in a timely manner. Please verify school absences by calling Ms. Hotel at 760-572-0222 ext. 2294, email at <a href="khotel@spvusd.org">khotel@spvusd.org</a> or you may send a note to school the following day. If you ever have questions about your child's attendance, or wish to receive an attendance report, please feel free to contact Ms. Hotel.

#### Library Clerk: Ms. Ruiz

The library is open from 8:05 to 3:00. You are welcome to check out materials. Books can be checked out for two weeks, and then renewed for another two weeks. There are fines for overdue, damaged, or lost materials, which must be paid before the end of the school year. This includes classroom textbooks. For questions regarding dues, you may contact Ms. Ruiz at 760-572-0222 ext. 2293 or bruiz@spvusd.org

#### **Athletic Director: Ms. Malvido**

High school sport schedules will be available throughout the year at the front office. Students wishing to participate must have an Arizona Interscholastic Association (A. I. A) Physical Evaluation, the parent permission form signed, maintain a 2.0 GPA, and attend practices regularly. Practices and games are held after school. High school sports include Football, Volleyball, Cheer, basketball, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Track and Cross Country (subject to change). You may contact Ms. Malvido at 760-572-0222 ext. 2480 or pmalvido@spvusd.org

#### **Campus Security:**

#### **Visitor Policy**

A visitor is defined as any person seeking to enter a school building or school grounds who is not an employee of the school district.

**All visitors** shall report to the school office to sign in and get a visitor's pass. Visitors pass must be worn during school ground visit.

#### **Visitors to Classrooms or Other Instructional Areas:**

Access to classrooms or other instructional areas of the school may not be allowed upon the recommendation of the classroom teacher or as otherwise deemed necessary by the principal. Because classrooms and other instructional areas are the most vulnerable to disruption, specific conditions may be required of visitors, including but not limited to:

- Remaining in a designated area or seat
- Refraining from speaking to students while the class or activity is in session
- Refraining from entering or leaving the area while an activity is underway
- Limiting the duration of the visit to times or length of time
- Limiting the activities of the visitor to a particular purpose(s)

Visitors wishing to conference with teachers or administrators during the school day are requested to decide in advance. Student visitors are not allowed unless they are with an entire class from another school, nor have prior approval from the administration.

Bill M. Manes Visitors: All visitors to BM must check in with TBD at the High School administration office to sign in and receive a visitor pass. No visitors will be admitted to the Bill M. Manes classroom without prior permission.

#### **SPVHS Student Drop Off**

SPVHS students can be dropped off at the cafeteria no earlier than 7:15 am. Students that arrive after 8:05am are required go to the attendance window for a tardy slip.

#### **Bill M. Manes Drop Off**

Bill Manes students should enter through the school gate in the morning between 8:05 for student support or 8:45 to 8:55 for regular school hours.

#### **Traffic Lane and Bus Zone**

Please keep the bus lane clear for all buses during the morning from 7:15 to 8:00. If a bus is in the lane DO NOT ENTER. Students should walk along the paved sidewalks to avoid crossing the lane of traffic when entering the cafeteria.

#### Cafeteria

SPVHS Students are expected to go through the cafeteria line for breakfast and lunch. All students are expected to be on their best manners during mealtimes and clean up after themselves.



#### San Pasqual Valley Unified School District

Route 1, 676 Baseline Road, Winterhaven, CA 92283 Phone: 760-572-0222 Fax: 760-572-0711

> Dr. Katrina Leon District Superintendent

June 21, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to inform you that San Pasqual Valley USD will be implementing an alternative program available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs called Provision 2 for School Year 2022-2023.

Schools that participate in Provision 2 are able to provide healthy breakfast and lunch each day at no charge for all students enrolled in that school during the 2022-2023 School Year.

If we can be of any further assistance, please contact us at 760-572-0222.

Sincerely,

Katrina Johnson, León, Ed.D., Superintendent

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(1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
(3) email:program.intake@usda.gov.

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#### San Pasqual Valley Unified School District 2022-2023 District Calendar

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July 4- Independence Day

August 12-15- Staff Development 16- Orientation Day (All Staff) 17- First Student Day of School September 5- Labor Day

October 7- Native American Day (STC)

November 11- Veteran's Day 21-25--Fall break

24- Thanksgiving Day December

19-30 Winter Break

23- Christmas Eve (observed) 26- Christmas Day (observed) 30-New Years Eve (observed)

January
2- New Year's Day (observed)
3-6 Winter Break
9-Staff Development
10-School in Session
16- ML King Day

13-Lincoln's B-day (observed) 20-Presidents Day

#### March

April 3-7 Spring Break 7- Good Friday

May 29- Memorial Day June 8-Promotion 9- Graduation 9- Last Day of School

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Board Approved: 4.13.21

Changes: 4.26.2022- Spring Break Dates

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<sup>\*</sup> Middle School Promotion

<sup>\*\*</sup> High School Graduation

### **Bell Schedule and Progress Reports**

Every 5 weeks marks the end of a term, and a progress report will be mailed. The marking periods are to be considered benchmark updates. Grading is continuous and progressive throughout the semester.

### HS 4 X 4 BLOCK STUDENT BELL SCHEDULE- 2022/2023

Monday, Tuesda	ay, Wednesday & Thursday
Period 1	8:05 – 9:35
Period 2	9:40 – 11:10
Nutrition Break	11:10 – 11:30
Period 3	11:35 – 1:05
Lunch	1:05 – 1:35
Period 4	1:40 – 3:10
	Friday*
Advisory	8:10 – 8:30
Period 1	8:35 – 9:25
Period 2	9:30 – 10:20
Period 3	10:25 – 11:15
Freckle Friday with 3 <sup>rd</sup> period teacher	11:15 – 11:45
Period 4	11:50 – 12:40

### BM BELL SCHEDULE- 2022-2023

Student Support	8:05-8:55
Period 1	9:00-9:45
Period 2	9:55-10:40
Period 3	10:45-11:30
Period 4	11:35-12:20
Lunch/Student Support	12:20-12:50
Student Support	12:55-3:05

Grading Period	End of Grading Period	Length of Grading Period	Semester
First day of school	August 17,2022		Term 1
Eligibility Progress 1	September 16	22 days	
Term 1 Semester 1	October 20	45 days	Term 1 Semester 1
Eligibility Progress 2	November 18	65 days	
Term 1 Semester 2	January 25	90 days	Term 1 Semester 2
Eligibility Progress 3	February 24	20 days	Term 2
Term 2 Semester 1	March 31	45 days	Term 2 Semester 1
Eligibility Progress 4	May 5	65 days	
Term 2 Semester 2	June 9	94 days	Term 2 Semester 2

<sup>\*</sup> Only the semester grades will appear on the student's permanent record.

#### **SPVHS Award Assemblies**

Award assemblies will be scheduled towards the end of each semester. Award assemblies are held in the district cafeteria. Families are invited to attend. Award assembly dates and times to be determined. Notices will be sent home with students a week prior to the assembly.

#### Honor Roll

At the end of each semester student are selected for the honor roll by their grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Regular honor roll ranges from 3.0 - 3.4, while the high honor roll is 3.5 - 4.0.

#### **Attendance Awards**

Students with perfect attendance with no tardiness will receive rewards at the end of each semester. Students must be in attendance for full school days to receive the award.

#### STUDENT SUCCESS AND LEARNING

#### **Invitation to Parents / Guardians**

Our staff provides a quality education for all students. We recognize the important role parents and guardians have in a student's success at school and encourage you to be actively involved. Please feel free to call the school and set up an appointment with your child's teacher if you ever have a concern. Visitors wishing to conference with teachers or administrators during the school day are encouraged to decide in advance. Student

Visitors are not allowed unless they are with an entire class from another school or have *prior approval* from the administration.

#### **Curriculum**

San Pasqual Valley High School follows a standard based curriculum the California state adopted.

English / Language Arts  $9^{th}$  –  $12^{th}$  grade: My Perspectives by Person. ERWC for  $11^{th}$  and  $12^{th}$  grade.

Pre-Algebra: Holt Algebra I: Holt Geometry: Holt

Algebra II: McDougall Littell
Math Analysis: Houghton Mifflin

Earth Science: Holt

Biology: Prentice Hall (Pearson)
Chemistry: Prentice Hall (Pearson)

Physics: Scott Foresman Modern World History: McDougall Littell

US History: The American: McDougall Littell

Economics: Glencoe

#### **Parent Conferences**

Two parent conferences nights will be held during the school year in the fall. In addition, parents are encouraged to meet the teachers as needed throughout the school year.

#### **High School Graduation Requirements**

Courses in the following areas must be passed:

--English 4 years
--Social Science 3 years
--PE 2 years \*
--Mathematics 3 years
--Fine Arts/Foreign Language 1 year
--Computers 1 year
-- Science (1 life, 1 physical) 2 years

Electives: Electives when added to points earned in required courses must total two hundred thirty (230) points

#### **GPA REQUIREMENTS to Qualify for Graduation- 2.0 GPA (9-12)**

#### \* Physical Education

Students who do not pass the Physical Education test as 9<sup>th</sup> graders are required by the state of California to take Physical Education each year until they pass the test; up to and including 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Graduation requirements include two years of Physical Education. If a student is required to continue to take Physical Education, any Physical Education classes passed after the first two years will count as elective credit towards graduation.

#### Homework

The staff at San Pasqual Valley High School recognizes homework, used as an extension of the day's learning, as an integral part of a child's learning experience. Research supports homework as a vehicle to improve academic achievement through increased learning time. Students shall be able to complete homework assignments independently. Through homework assignments, students will develop responsibility, self-direction, and organizational skills. Homework will enhance the skills needed to become a lifelong, independent learner.

#### Make Up Work

A student has one week to makeup missed work due to his / her excused absence. Students are expected to make up any work missed due to absenteeism or suspension. Within this one week, an assignment can be reduced by 10% for every working day that it is late. If a student fails to makeup the missed work, the assignment will be converted to a zero in the grade book.

After returning to campus from an absence, students are encouraged to come into the classroom before or after school, during lunch to learn of and receive their missing work. They can also use a variety of methods to learn of the work they have missed: call a friend from class to get the work they have missed or visit the class web site during their absence to understand the work

they have missed. It is the responsibility of the student returning from an excused absence to ask for assignments missed. Students may ask for future assignments for known upcoming absences. Please be aware that students will be assigned a failing grade for work not made up due to an excused absence. Regular attendance is extremely important for students to be successful and maintain a 2.00 or higher GPA.

#### RETURN TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL

If it has been determined by the Alternative Education principal that a student has made the appropriate academic progress as listed in a student's contract and Individual Learning Plan, the student desiring to return to San Pasqual Valley High School may complete an application for transfer at the end of each semester if they were a voluntary transfer student to Alternative Education site. Involuntary transfer students must complete the required time, complete the required number of credits, and exhibit proper behavior standards to be considered for transfer. Re-admission to the regular comprehensive high school will be based on the following:

- 1. The parent must sign the request form to approve the transfer.
- 2. The student must be on track to graduate from the regular high school.
- 3. The student shall have 90% or better attendance.
- 4. The student shall have no behavior violations that resulted in a suspension from school.
- 5. The staff from Bill M. Manes/Community Day School must recommend the return of the student and present a plan for success both academically and behaviorally at the regular high school.
- 6. Upon review of the administration of both schools, if the transfer is approved, the transfer form will be signed, and the student may return to the regular campus at the start of the next semester.

If the request to return is made by the parent and one or more of the above stipulations are not met, the parent/guardian may request a meeting with the District Superintendent to review the transfer request.

#### **Social and Emotional Learning**

The California Department of Education (CDE) is committed to guiding the process for social and emotional learning (SEL) to be integrated into every student's educational experience. Extensive research is proving that social and emotional learning is essential while striving for academic success and preparing for college and careers.

The California Department of Education has found that, "social and emotional learning reflects the critical role of positive relationships and emotional connections in the learning process and helps students develop a range of skills they need for school and life. SEL skills include the ability to:

- set and achieve positive goals
- feel and show empathy for others
- establish and maintain positive relationships
- make responsible decisions
- understand and manage emotions

All these skills are necessary- both for educators and students- to function well in the classroom, in the community, and in college and careers."

San Pasqual Valley High School is also committed to educating the whole child and aligns with the California Department of Education initiative to integrate SEL into every student's educational experience. To do this, a multi-tiered system of supports has been adopted. The diagram below outlines the supports integrated at San Pasqual Valley High School.

Tier I: Universal	Tier II: Secondary	Tier III: Tertiary
Intervention (all students)	Intervention (Small Group	Intervention (Individual
	Based)	Based)
<b>Classroom Guidance Lessons:</b>	Conflict Resolution: Students	Individual Student
classroom lessons facilitated by	who participate in a friendship	Planning/Individual School
school counselors to address	problem or mutual conflict with	Counseling: on-going meetings
academic, college and career,	other peer(s) are offered the	between student and school
and personal / social topics.	opportunity to meet with school	counselor to address specific
	counselor or designated support	academic, college/career, and
Minute Meetings/Check-Ins:	staff to communicate	personal/social areas of need.
brief meetings with individual	respectfully and work together	
students to build connections,	to solve the problem effectively	Suite 360
offer guidance when	and peacefully. This	Intervention/Restorative
experiencing short- term	intervention if not utilized to	<b>Practices:</b> Students who have
situations, and / or determine if	address bullying.	been identified due to repeated
more support is needed.		discipline referral infractions
	Safe School Ambassadors:	will participate in support
<b>Healthy Choices Program:</b> a	Selected students are invited to	services with Alternative
day in which students learn	participate in a two-day training	Behavior Specialist.
about various social-emotional	that teaches students how to	
topics to guide them through	identify and respond to	
high school.	mistreatment. Students meet in	
	groups throughout the year to	
	continue practicing the learned	
	skills and empower them to	
	continue enhancing school	
	culture.	

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### **Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities and Events**

To promote academic excellence, all students participating in extracurricular (such as sports), and co-curricular activities (such as ASB), shall demonstrate satisfactory academic progress. Extracurricular activities are programs that have all the following characteristics:

- The program is supervised or financed by the district.
- Pupils participating in the program represent the district.
- The program includes both preparation for performance and performance before an audience or spectators.

Extracurricular activities are not part of the regular school curriculum, are not graded, and do not offer credit.

Extracurricular events are non-completive, non-performance related events. These may include field trips or similar events which take students out of school for the school day.

Co-curricular activities are programs that may be associated with the curriculum in a regular classroom or school day and be graded.

#### **Academic Eligibility**

To participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities, a pupil shall demonstrate satisfactory educational progress in the previous grading period having earned a minimum of 2.00 or "C" GPA during the preceding grading period. An incomplete (I) grade is not a passing grade. If not cleared, it will be counted as an "F."

The "previous grading period" is defined as the previous quarter or complete semester. The prior year's 2<sup>nd</sup> semester grade shall be used to determine student eligibility status at the beginning of each school year.

If a student goes ineligible due to having less than a 2.0 at the end of a grading period, they can submit a grade check after three weeks of the new grading period to earn their way back into "monitored eligibility." Monitored Eligibility will require that the student provide a weekly grade check to the athletic director and the coach showing the student is maintaining a GPA above 2.0, to remain eligible for the rest of the grading period. If they fall below a 2.0 in that monitored eligibility period, they will return to ineligible status until the end of the grading period.

Ineligible students who are waiting out the three weeks before submitting a grade check for monitored eligibility are permitted to practice with their teams but are not permitted to travel or compete during that period.

NOTE: Students voluntarily enrolled at Bill Manes Continuation are eligible to participate in extracurricular and co- curricular programs if eligibility requirements listed below are met:

- a. Must be a voluntary transfer to Bill Manes.
- b. Must maintain a 2.0 G.P.A. and earn no more than two (2) failing grades.
- c. Must be in full attendance during the week of the game.
- d. Must not violate the SARB attendance contract.

#### **Extracurricular Activities and Events Attendance Requirements**

A student must be in full attendance the day of an event unless excused by a doctor, court appointment, or other approval by the administration.

Students must also maintain 90% Attendance for the totality of the preceding weeks of the current school year.

- > School related absences will not be counted against the student attendance percentage
- ➤ All other absences not meeting legal definition of EXCUSED will be counted against the students' attendance percentage.
  - The Superintendent or designee may allow for exceptions to counting excused absences out of consideration for exceptional reasons (i.e., medical, family emergency, etc.)
  - These will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- > Students who fail to qualify for an event or activity due to low attendance must make up the absences through Saturday School to re-qualify for participation.

#### **GRADING PERIODS**

The only permanent grades that a student receives in high school are posted at the end of each semester. Each semester is approximately 18 weeks. To support student success in passing their classes, it is important that all grades accurately reflect a student's progress toward their final semester grade. To this end, it is expected that all teacher grading will be designed to show a students' overall progress for the entire semester.

Grading Period	End of Grading Period	Length of Grading Period	Semester
First day of school	August 17,2022		Term 1
Eligibility Progress 1	September 16	22 days	
Term 1 Semester 1	October 20	45 days	Term 1 Semester 1
Eligibility Progress 2	November 18	65 days	
Term 1 Semester 2	January 25	90 days	Term 1 Semester 2
Eligibility Progress 3	February 24	20 days	Term 2
Term 2 Semester 1	March 31	45 days	Term 2 Semester 1
Eligibility Progress 4	May 5	65 days	
Term 2 Semester 2	June 9	94 days	Term 2 Semester 2

The Mid Quarter Reports are placed at the third week of each quarter grading period to allow for Athletic Eligibility Grade Checks. All progress reports will indicate each students' progress in all classes relevant to the student's final semester grade. Each of those reports should show the parents what that students' final grade would be if that students' semester were ending at that

report. Grades must be calculated by dividing all points earned at that point in the semester by the total of all points possible up to that point in the semester.

#### Example:

Name	<b>Grade Period</b>	Point Possible	Points Earned	%	Grade
Juan M	1 <sup>st</sup> Mid Quarter	100	30	30	F
Juan M	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	100 + 100	30+80	55	F
Juan M	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	100+100+100	30+80+80+80	63	D
Juan M	Fall Semester	100+100+100+100	30+80+80+80	67.5	D

#### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Attendance Policy**

Regular attendance is vital to a child's success. A child who is not in school cannot learn. For this reason, it is important that all parents/guardians make a commitment to make sure that their child is at school and on time. Please make every effort to adjust doctor appointments and family schedules to minimize time away from school. Please note the following:

- California State Law requires that students will be in attendance during the school day unless officially excused.
- Parents are responsible for notifying the attendance office if their child is absent.
- Parents can call the school from 7:00 am-3:30 pm, Monday-Friday to let the attendance office know of an absence by calling the attendance clerk at 760-572-0222 ext. 2294 or <a href="khotel@spvusd.org">khotel@spvusd.org</a>. If calling before or after school hours, a message can be left on the attendance clerks' voice mail.
- If contact is not made by phone or email a written note, signed by the parent/guardian, must be sent to the school upon a child's return.
- If a child is absent due to illness for three or more consecutive days a note from a physician is required to excuse the absence within five school days or return.
- All students must report to the attendance office to obtain an admit slip following an absence. Students will not be allowed back in class by the teacher without an admit slip. The slip clarifies whether the absence is excused or unexcused.
- Excusable absences are illness, medical appointments for the student, and court appointments for the student, and bereavement.

San Pasqual Valley USD reserves the right to respond to the home address of habitually absent students or to address issues of compulsory attendance. A SARB letter will be sent home notifying parents on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> unexcused absences (4 period absences equal one school day). After the issuance of the first notification letter, the student may be referred to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) for action.

Students who are not in a class assigned and do not have a pass to be elsewhere will be considered as ditching class (truant) and will be appropriately disciplined.

Unexcused absences are unacceptable; this includes any absence that is not excused by the State of California (student illness, student medical appointments, bereavement, and student court appointments). Three unexcused absences may cause a student to be reported as a habitual truant. Truancy cases are reported to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) for action. Retention at grade level will be considered for students who exceed the maximum number of absences.

Students who have more than 5 excused absences must provide a doctors' note or the absence will count as unexcused.

Attendance as it relates to participation in Extra Curricular Activities is covered on page 16 Attendance as it relates to participation in the Graduation Ceremony is covered on page 19

#### **Tardy Policy**

Students who are not in class when the bell rings are considered tardy, and the classroom teacher will sign the behavior log. Excessive tardiness will result in after school detention.

#### **Leaving During School Hours**

It is necessary to know where students are always. If a student needs to leave school due to illness, doctors' appointment, or any other reason, the *parent/guardian must sign the student out in the front office before leaving campus*. Student attendance counts during school-wide activities (e.g., dances, assemblies, etc.). Upon returning to school, the student must sign in with the attendance office. Failure to do so will result in the absence not being excused.

#### Student Withdrawal from San Pasqual High School and Bill M. Manes

State law requires a withdrawal form, which must be signed by the parent/guardian and the registrar of the school. The student, if available, must have each instructor's signatures and a withdrawal grade. Withdrawal is complete when a student has cleared with the library, PE department, counseling office, and the principals' office. It will be mandatory that each withdrawal form be returned to the counseling office within two school days. Records will not be forwarded until all materials are returned and/or fines paid.

#### **Graduation Ceremony Participation**

The graduation ceremony from any high school is a special event in the life of a student, and memories of that event are carried for a lifetime. This special time is made more meaningful because of the sense of accomplishing something significant in life and meeting a standard of performance that is commensurate with being honored as a young adult, ready for the post-high school world.

In discussions with staff, it has been determined that a higher standard of performance is appropriate for students who will be participation in the SPVHS graduation; thus, establishing a pattern of work effort and behavior that is in keeping with the desired expectations of our school and community. In keeping with this goal. San Pasqual Valley High School has adopted the following requirements for participation in our Graduation Ceremony commencing in June 2018 and continuing thereafter:

#### **I.** Course Completion Requirements

Courses in the following areas must be passed:

English	4 years	Social Science	3 years
PE	2 years	Mathematics	3 years
Fine Arts/Foreign Language	1 year	Computers	1 years
Science (1 life, 1 Physical)	2 years		

Electives: Electives when added to credits earned in required courses must total two hundred thirty (230) credits

#### **II. GPA Requirements:**

2.0 GPA for all courses completed in grades 9-12

#### **III. Attendance Requirements:**

Class of 2020- 90% Attendance for 18-19, 19-20, School Years Class of 2021- 90% Attendance for 18-19, 19-20, 20-21 School Years Class of 2022 and thereafter-90% Attendance for *All* four years in high school

- \* Three tardies > 30 minutes will equal one absence
- \* School activities will not be counted as absences, but all other absences-Excused and unexcused will count against the percentage for this policy.

Students successfully completing the requirements outlined in Sections I and II will be able to receive their SPVHS and Bill Manes Diplomas per SPVUSD Board Policy but must meet the requirements outlined in Section III as well if they wish to participate in the Graduation Ceremony.

#### **HEALTH SERVICES**

#### **Emergency Health Information**

Emergency information obtained from the parent/guardian is used to contact a parent/guardian in an emergency. Please make sure that information provided to the school is accurate and current. If your child's health status changes, please inform the school or our district clerk at 760-572-0222 ext.2191.

#### **Medication**

Students are not permitted to have medication of any kind in their possession while on campus. Whenever possible, we encourage parents and students to work out the dosage schedule with the doctor so that medication is not given during school hours. Only medication prescribed by a licensed physician in the United States may be administered at school. The licensed physician must include the name of the medication, method, dosage, and time schedule by which the medication is to be dispensed. The school will not dispense medication without a Medical Release Form completed and signed by the parent and a licensed United States physician. All medication must be submitted to the health clerk in their original container with original label attached. Please contact the District Health Clerk Ms. Armenta at **760-572-0222 ext. 2191** or <a href="maintaimment

#### Sick Children at School

Children with a contagious disease such as a virus, impetigo, head lice, conjunctivitis (pink eye) should not come to school unless the disease is no longer transmittable. Students with contagious conditions will be sent home. A doctor's note may be required if the absence is more than three days. Please contact the attendance office, at **760-572-0222 ext. 2294**, when your child needs to stay home due to illness.

#### **Immunizations**

To protect those in educational settings and communities from communicable disease outbreaks, the state of California requires documentation of immunizations of students before entering school. State law mandates annual review of student health records. Parents are required to supply updated immunization records on any students who have deficient records. These records must be one of the following:

- A copy of the hospital, clinic, or doctor's office record.
- The California (or other state or country) Immunization card (baby shot book)
- The records from the child's previous school.

#### **Schoolwide Student Support System**

#### **Schoolwide**

San Pasqual Valley High School has adopted a school wide student support system to help provide consistency and expectations for all students.

#### **Schoolwide Rules**

Be on time for all classes- this means be in the door when the tardy bell rings.

Come prepared for your classes-bring your books, notebooks, pens and other materials to school with you every day.

Follow directions.

Respect other people's property and space.

Follow school policies / rules as otherwise posted or provided.

#### **Student Support Opportunities**

Teachers will provide warnings, which provide opportunities for student's behavior.

Teachers will inform students when they have received a consequence.

Student will be sent to the office if they select not to change their behavior.

#### **Student Support Behavior Redirection**

Teachers may keep students after class as needed.

Teachers may contact parents or guardians.

Teachers may send students to another room or a buddy room.

Teachers may send students to the office to see the principal.

#### **Administrative Consequences**

Students may be assigned Dress Code Clothing.

Students may be assigned In- School Restriction for Lunch.

Students may be assigned In-School Restriction for class periods or even days.

Students may be suspended.

Students may be transferred to Bill Manes Alternative High School.

#### Who do you see if you have a question?

Mr. Morales HS Principal

Ms. Alvarez Community Liaison

TBD HS Secretary

Ms. Hotel Attendance Clerk
Ms. Rodriguez Family Guidance
Ms. Wright Outreach Consultant
Ms. Paz HS/ BM Counselor

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Any Teacher

#### **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

#### Robert Mattson 760-572-0222 ext. 2077 or 2074

For safety reasons bus notes are limited to 5 changes per school year and must be provided to the school before 11:00am. This includes pick up and afterschool changes

#### **After School Activities Bus**

Afterschool tutoring and sports must have a submitted after school transportation request. This request must be provided to the high school office for the participant to be able to use the afterschool activities bus. Students will not be able to use the afterschool bus without prior approval.

#### **Bus Rules**

- Follow instructions the first time.
- Stay in your seat.
- Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
- No name-calling, put-downs, or negative language
- No eating, drinking, or chewing gum.

#### **Bus Behavior**

Transportation is provided to students to ensure they are present and have access to learning opportunities. When students misbehave on the school bus, there may be consequences that require families to find alternative transportation. The following outlines outcomes for misbehavior:

Driver stops the bus and investigates: Name in drivers' book, student placed in front of bus, last one off the bus stop, parent contacted.

#### First Bus Referral

Student Conference, Parent Contact, Site Discipline Plan

#### Second Bus Referral

Student Conference, Parent Contact, Site Discipline Plan and three (3) Day Bus suspension.

#### Third Bus Referral

Student Conference, Parent Contact, Site Discipline Plan and five to ten (5-10) Day Bus

suspension.

#### Fourth Bus Referral

Student Conference, Parent contact, Site Discipline Plan, and revoke bus privileges for rest of the year.

#### **Severe Bus Behavior**

Students that exhibit severe bus behavior such as fighting, throwing objects, vandalism put others on the bus at risk. As SPVUSD must keep the safety of all students in mind, revoking of bus privileges will occur.

#### San Pasqual Valley High School Dress Code Policy

Appropriate student dress is necessary to maintain order, provide a safe and positive learning environment.

- 1. Shoes or Sandals must be always worn
- 2. Headgear must be always removed in buildings. Hats cannot be altered except for having the owner's legal name or initials on them. Hairnets and bandannas are prohibited.
- 3. Wearing or possession of clothing, jewelry, accessories (bandannas) or any other attribute denoting membership or identification with a gang is prohibited.
- 4. Wallet chains are not to be visible to school personnel.
- 5. Students will refrain from wearing items which promote drug, tobacco, or alcohol use, or suggest violence, profanity, bigotry, or intolerance against people based on their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, or sexual orientation or which incorporates profanity and/or nudity.
- 6. Dark glasses will not be worn indoors, except for valid medical reasons authorized by the administration and verified in writing by a physician.

#### **CONSEQUENCES:**

Progressive discipline will occur on an as needed basis.

1: Clothes, apparel, or attire must be sufficient to always conceal undergarments.

#### **Prohibited**

- a. See-through fabrics
- b. Clothing which exposes bare midriffs (no bare skin between the top of the pants and the bottom of the shirt)
- c. Tube tops, strapless tops, and strapless dresses
- d. Halter tops
- e. Off –the- shoulder dresses/tops
- f. Low-cut tops/dresses exposing cleavage or bras

- g. Shorts which are shorter than mid-thigh. (No more than 7 inches above the top of the knee)
- h. Excessively short skirts/dresses more than 4 inches above the top of the knee.
- i. Pants that are worn below the waist or are larger than one inch larger than necessary in the waist.
- j. Sleepwear and loungewear
- k. Excessively long T-shirts or shirts (not to exceed the crotch of pants) unless part of a matching outfit and/or tucked in.
- 1. Mid-thigh torn jeans

#### **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

#### **Behavior Expectations**

Every student has the right to be educated in a safe, respectful, and welcoming environment. Every educator has the right to teach in an atmosphere free from disruption and obstacles that impede instruction. The school environment characterized by positive interpersonal relationships among students and between students and staff.

SPVUSD behavior program uses initiative-taking strategies designed to support positive behavior. Students will be supported in learning the skills necessary to enhance a positive school climate and avoid negative behavior. There is a strong link between a positive school climate and academic success for all students.

The high school develops and annually revises positive behavior plan that will include teaching positive school rules; implementing a social emotional skills development and enhancement program; positively reinforcing appropriate student behavior; using effective classroom management; providing early intervention and support strategies, and appropriate use of logical and meaningful consequences including the use of restorative practices.

It is only with the understanding, collaboration, and cooperation of everyone who has a stake in the education of our youth that we can succeed in creating positive learning environments that are conducive to optimum academic achievement for all students.



#### **Student Responsibilities**

Students are expected to learn and model positive student behavioral expectations, follow school and classroom rules, and demonstrate appropriate positive social skills when interacting with both adults and peers. When behavior expectations are not met, the student is encouraged to work to improve behavior.

#### 1. BE SAFE

Students are responsible, for maintaining safety at school.

Students engage in activities that are safe and report any known safety hazards.

Students help maintain a clean and safe campus that is free of graffiti, weapons, and drugs.

Students report any bullying or harassment.

#### 2. BE RESPECTFUL

Students treat others the way they want to be treated.

Students respect laws, rules, and school authority.

Students treat people fairly and respect their rights.

Students respect personal and public property.

Students are honest with others and themselves

#### 3. BE RESPONSIBLE

Students take responsibility for their actions.

Students come to school regularly and on time, ready to learn.

Students create a positive school environment.

#### **Parent / Caregiver Responsibilities**

Parent / Caregiver take an active role in supporting efforts to maintain a positive school climate.

- 1. Be familiar with and review positive behavior expectations with their children.
- 2. Reinforce positive behavior and acknowledge their children for demonstrating appropriate conduct.
- 3. Families and SPVUSD will work as collaborative partners in the best interest of the student (child).
- 3a. Send the student to school prepared for learning.
- 3b. Positive attendance
- 3c. Provide continuing learning opportunities at home.

#### **Teacher Responsibilities**

Each teacher has a fundamental role in supporting a positive classroom and school. This includes utilizing effective classroom management strategies to create an environment conducive to learning.

#### The teacher is responsible for:

- 1. Defining, teaching, reviewing, and modeling positive behavioral expectations and school rules.
- 2. Acknowledging and reinforcing appropriate student behavior.
- 3. Providing corrective feedback and re-teaching.
- 4. Working with families in partnership to reinforce positive behavior (meeting, mailing correspondence, utilizing parent center as appropriate, etc.)
- 5. Teaching the district-approved and evidence based social emotional learning curriculum.
- 6. Supporting positive behavior redirection through teacher intervention or Suite 360 engagement.
- 7. In the event a student receives classroom behavioral redirection or In School restriction, the teacher MUST provide the student with sufficient and relevant classroom work to keep the student engaged in learning.

#### GENERAL STUDENT CONDUCT

#### **Consequences for student misconduct**

Behavioral consequences strive to be consistent, reasonable, fair, age appropriate, and matched to the severity of the student's behavior. Consequences that are paired with meaningful intervention, instruction, and guidance (corrective feedback and re-teaching) offer students an opportunity to connect their behavior with new learning, participate in contributing back to the school community, and are more likely to result in getting the student re-engaged in learning. Positive consequences including systematic recognition for appropriate behavior frequently led to an increase in the desired behavior.

#### **FIGHTING**

No fighting will be tolerated on or near the campus. The Administrative Discipline Matrix assists in determining consequences of actions. Administration, Outreach Consultants, Teacher, and the Counselor are willing to help students settle differences with other students or groups of students.

#### **HARASSMENT**

Harassment may be verbal, visual, physical, or sexual advances that result in interference with a pupil's academic performance or create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

Pursuant to Ed. Code 48900.2, "A pupil may be recommended for expulsion if the superintendent or the principal of the school in which the pupil is enrolled determines that the pupil has committed sexual harassment as defined

<u>In Penal Code Section 212.5."</u> Also, a pupil may be recommended for expulsion if the pupil has committed or attempted to commit a sexual battery as defined in Section 243.4 of the Penal Code. Harassment in any form by an adult or student should be reported <u>immediately</u> to any school employee.

#### **Closed Campus**

San Pasqual Valley High School has implemented a closed campus policy. Students are expected to be always on the high school campus during the school day. Students can eat a hot lunch or sandwich, fruit, fresh vegetables, and milk in the cafeteria. Students may not leave campus for lunch. Students found off the high school campus without written permission will be considered truant.

#### **Computers and the Internet**

Students may have access to the Internet if they complete the Internet Usage License Agreement. They must abide by the rules governing student access and use. No trade may be conducted through the school, and inappropriate subjects (I.e., Twitter, Facebook, and all other social networking sites) may not be accessed. Students who abuse the privilege will lose their right to access the internet. Signing the Internet Usage License Agreement is considered the student's first warning.

#### **Searches and Seizures**

School administration reserves the right to search and seize when there is reason to believe that material or matter detrimental to the safety, health, and welfare of one or more students exists. A safe and orderly campus is of vital importance to all. As collaborative partners, parent/guardian support in this matter is appreciated for the safety of the school environment. Administration also reserves the right to include law enforcement presence to assist in search and seizure, if deemed appropriate.

#### Notice to Students-

<u>There is No Privacy in District Lockers or Desks.</u> Lockers and desks assigned to students are the property of the district. The Administration has a duplicate or master key and combinations to all

lockers assigned to students. District employees will from time-to-time use a duplicate or master key to enter lockers and will also open desks for numerous health and safety purposes. Such purpose includes, but are not limited to, entering lockers or desks to inspect to ensure that contraband such as drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or weapons are not stored in school lockers or desks, or that food items do not remain in lockers or desks creating a health hazard or an attraction to insects and rodents. Because school employees may from time-to-time enter student lockers and desks, students are cautioned that they should not keep personal belongings in their lockers or desks that they do not want District employees entering their lockers or desks to see. Students must keep those items, which they consider to be private on their person or at home and not in their lockers or desks if they do not want District employees to see them. The purpose of this notice is to prevent the district from unintentionally violating your privacy.

#### **Search Dogs**

In our continuing effort to provide as safe and healthy learning environment for all concerned, we will utilize search dogs to minimize the presence of prohibited items on campus. Our campus will be checked periodically to reduce and hopefully eliminate the unwanted contraband. In the event the prohibited items are detected, appropriate action will be taken.

#### **Public Displays of Affection Policy**

#### **Defining the Behavior:**

A public display of affection (PDA) is any gesture, which culture suggests is sexual or romantic in nature, taking place in arenas open to other members of the public. Some PDA gestures include handholding, touching, kissing, or hugging.

#### **Defining the Issue:**

Being overly affectionate in school creates an environment that is not conducive to concentration and learning.

#### **Defining the Response:**

Students should refrain from inappropriate, intimate behaviors on campus or at school related events and activities. Inappropriate public displays of affection will not be tolerated. This behavior will result in an initial warning, and eventually a parent meeting and other school discipline if inappropriate behavior continues after being warned.

#### **Electronic Devices Policy**

San Pasqual Valley Unified School District recognizes the right of students to utilize electronic devices during non-academic activities and non-academic activities and non-academic hours, while maintaining the needs of the school to regulate access to and use of those same devices at times and during activities during which such devices may constitute a significant distraction to orderly school operations. To that end, San Pasqual Valley High School, in compliance with California Education Code 48901.5, has established this policy regulating the possession and use of electronic device during school hours.

For the purposes of this policy, "electronic signaling devices" include but are not limited to electronic devices such as cellular phones, pagers, text messengers, e-mail transponders, wireless devices, and other similar devices.

- I. Electronic Signaling Devices (Cellular Phones, Pagers, Text Messengers, Wireless Devices, etc.)
  - 1. Electronic signaling devices must be turned completely off while the student is present and attending classes during school hours. Devices cannot be kept in silent or vibrate mode.
  - 2. Electronic signaling devices must be kept out of sight in the student's pocket, purse, or backpack always throughout the school day.
  - 3. Electronic signaling devices can only be used on school property: (1) during passing

and lunch periods if not disruptive to school operations, (2) if outside school hours, (3) to call 911 in a grave or extreme medical emergency; or (4) if the use of the device is essential to a pupil's health as verified by a physician's written instructions on file in in the school office.

It is important that electronic signaling devices be turned completely off during class hours to prevent disruption of the learning environment and to prevent using the messaging function.

Students are to go to the office to make phone calls home. Parents and guardians are encouraged to call the school office when necessary. The school office staff is excellent at relaying messages from parents and guardians to students. Students can make emergency phone calls from the main office during school hours when necessary.

NOTE: Teachers may permit and encourage the use of such devices during class when and where it is appropriately identified and utilized as part of the classroom instruction.

#### II. MP-3 players, CD players, and Other Portable Stereo Devices

- 1. P3 players, CD players, and other portable stereo devices are not to be used by students on SPVHS property during school hours, except during lunch and passing periods.
- 2. Such electronic devices must be turned completely off and stored out of sight at all times during the school day while students are in class.

#### III: Calculators, PDAs, Computers

- 1. Calculators, personal digital assistants (PDA s), and computers are allowed to be used on campus for purely academic purposes. Limitations on usage may vary from class to to class, therefore it is the responsibility of each student user to find out and comply each teacher's classroom policies regarding the use of such devices in class.
- 2. Use of calculators, PDA, and computers for non-academic purposes. (e.g., playing games, etc.) during school hours is prohibited unless part of a designed and approved class, school, or club activity.

#### IV: Cameras- (Digital or Film, Still or Video)

1. Students may use all types of cameras in public areas of the school during lunch and passing periods if such use does not become disruptive, harass others, invade the privacy of others, or otherwise violate district policy or law.: Cameras of all types are prohibited from use during class-time unless part of a designed and approved class, club, or school activity.

2. At no time are cameras of any type to be used in any school bathroom, locker room, or changing room.

#### V: Hold Harmless Clause

San Pasqual Valley Unified School District shall not be held responsible for the loss of or damage to any student's electronic device on school property. Possession and usage of all electronic devices carries with it the inherent risk of loss (both by theft and accident) and damage (both accidental and intentional). Students who bring such devices to school will bear responsibility for any such loss or damage which might occur.

#### VI: Confiscation

Electronic devices which are used in violation of this policy are subject to confiscation by any employee of San Pasqual Valley Unified School District. Any device which is confiscated shall be turned over to the school Administration for securing. Teachers and other employees are not to keep, store, or return to the student, any device confiscated due to violation of this policy.

#### **VII: Recovery**

Any device which has been confiscated and delivered to the Administration may be recovered under the following conditions:

**First Offense:** Student may pick up the device no earlier than the end of the same

School day on which the device was confiscated.

**Second Offense:** Student will meet with Principal and will place a call to parent or

guardian to inform them of happenings and inform them of third offense. Device will be confiscated and returned at the end of the

day.

**Third Offense:** A parent or guardian must come to the school office, no earlier

than the end of the same school day on which the device was confiscated and meet with the school principal. The parent or guardian must sign the "Confiscated Items" log for offense and the item will be returned. (Should the parent or guardian refuse to sign,

a notation will be made on the log and the item returned) The

student will be assigned ISR.

**Additional offenses:** A parent or guardian must come to the school office, no earlier

than the end of the same school day on which the device was confiscated and meet with the school principal or designee to pick up the item. The parent or guardian must sign the "Confiscated Items" log for additional offense and the item will be returned.

(Should the parent or guardian refuse to sign, a notation will be made on the log and the item returned) The student will be assigned progressively increasing In School Restriction (ISR) and may be suspended. Additionally, the student may be banned from possessing an electronic device on school grounds.

**ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE:** Any student in possession of an electronic signaling device or other electronic device which in some form becomes a distraction and/or disruption during class by ringing, vibrating, or turning-on or off will be subject to standard school disciplinary measures as outlined by the SPVHS Discipline Policy and specific school rules, in addition to facing the confiscation of his or her device.

#### REGIONAL OCCUPATION PROGRAM (ROP) AND/OR CAREER TECHNICAL ED.

The mission of ROP is to prepare students, 16 years of age and older, by providing training training programs to develop skills which will benefit their pursuit of employment. ROP provides high-quality vocational, technical, and occupational preparation through a variety of specialized courses and enables of students to be trained on the job site and meet industry standards for job performance. Students will receive academic credit.

Classes and practical experience are given in such areas as welding, food service and computers. Up to 10 credits per semester may be earned by attending ROP classes. Grades received in ROP Classes can help the student in raising their overall G.P.A.

#### **UNIFORM COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

The San Pasqual Valley Unified School District has a uniform complaint process as required in the Code of Regulations, Title5, Section 4622, and SPVUSD Policy AR 131.3(a). The Superintendent is designated as the compliance officer for the district. The policy provides for Mediation or investigation, presentation of information relevant to the complaint, follows up and Remedies or appeals as appropriate. (See complete policy in the enrollment packet).

#### **CREDIT RECOVERY**

SPVHS utilizes Credit Recovery software to provide SPVHS students with the opportunity to make up credits for previously failed classes during the regular school day. Students seeking to take advantage of this program to help remain or get back on track for graduation should contact the school counselor.

## A.L.I.C.E

Alice is committed to increasing survivability in a violent intruder event through training proactive response options. There are many ways to be prepared for a violent event. Whether you are at a mall, in a theater, grocery shopping, attending a game or listening to a concert, you have options. When ALICE response strategies are implemented, unwilling participants in the event are empowered to choose their best survival option. Seconds count during a violent event and the actions taken in between when the event begins, and law enforcement arrives, are significant and can increase survivability.

#### **A.L.I.C.E. Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. What is A.L.I.C.E.?

A.L.I.C.E. is a school safety program created in year 2000 to offer additional options to students and staff in dealing with an armed intruder situation. Two of the individuals who founded and developed the program are long-term law enforcement professionals. A 30-year educational professional is a member of the team and works to ensure that A.L.I.C.E. teaching/training materials are age-appropriate, psychologically sound, and address the issues of individuals with special needs.

#### 2. What do the letters stand for in the name A.L.I.C.E.?

#### A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym that stands for:

**ALERT:** Get the word out that a threat exists

**LOCKDOWN:** Secure a place to stay as much as possible as a starting point to stall

**INFORM:** Give constant, real-time information throughout the building using all available technology

**COUNTER:** This is a last resort. Individuals are unable to escape. Countering may be as simple as creating a distraction to allow opportunities to escape

**EVACUATE:** The goal is to move students out of the danger zone. It is important to be prepared to escape.

## 3. Does the San Pasqual Valley Unified School District have plans and procedures in place for crisis situations?

Yes, SPVUSD considers the safety of students and staff their highest priority and have developed strong crisis plans and procedures for our schools. Although we hope we will never need to activate these procedures, we conduct regular drills and review our plans annually.

## 4. Why do we need to add anything more? Isn't it enough just to lock the building and keep students inside if someone is threatening them?

Traditionally, schools have used a procedure known as "lockdown" which means locking the school building and classrooms and having students and teachers take shelter in their classroom. We believe that offering additional age-appropriate options will allow our students and teachers to be better prepared if a crisis occurs. Providing a constant flow of information to everyone inside the building can allow opportunities to safely evacuate the building. Rescue by the police can take some time. An important goal of the A.L.I.C.E. program is to evacuate as many people as possible to a safe place.

#### 5. How much time will the training take away from learning?

A.L.I.C.E. training will take the place of the lockdown drills we have been doing. The length of the training time for students may range from 15 to 30 minutes, depending upon the age of the students. Training will take place at least twice a year.

#### 6. How will students be trained?

Training will be age-appropriate and will take place in the classroom with their teacher leading the discussion. Discussions with younger students will be an extension of "stranger danger" discussions and focus on listening carefully to the teacher in case of an emergency and following directions promptly. There is no drill planned as part of this initial training.

## 7. How many organizations are currently using A.L.I.C.E. as part of their safety protocols?

2 million students have been training or are currently being exposed to this program. Although A.L.I.C.E. was started in a kindergarten through grade 12 school setting, the program is now being used in universities, colleges, hospitals, churches, corporation, and government offices.

For information on the A.L.I.C.E. program please check out their website at <a href="http://www.alicetraining.com/">http://www.alicetraining.com/</a>.