



Freedom Elementary School
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July 30, 2024

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 School year!

Dear Freedom School Families,

I am excited to join Freedom Elementary and serve as your Principal this school year! As a former FHS Alumni, I am excited to serve Freedom Elementary. I have returned home and it is my goal to develop systems and practices at our school that lay a strong foundation for our students and staff to feel successful, empowered and gain the desire to strive for more! I cannot do this alone, for this reason, I hope I can count on you to partner up with me and make this year a success! We are a team, we are stronger together, than we are alone!! #FarmersvilleUp

Attendance at school is mandatory. Students are required to attend school for every scheduled instructional day. If your child cannot attend school please call our office and let us know. Excessive absences lead to learning loss and loss of interest and engagement. We are counting on you as a partner to make this an exceptional school year! If you are concerned about your child's health, call our office and we can clarify if your child may attend school.

The first day of school is **Thursday, August 8th, 2024**. Students are expected to be at school by 7:55 am and will be dismissed at 2:30pm. If your child is a bus rider please ensure they are at their assigned bus stop on time. If you are unsure what color bus your child will ride, please call our office before the first day of school to get clarification.

We are excited to welcome new staff members to the Eagle Family!

- Ms. Juanita Guerra will serve as our school secretary
- Mr. Mario Flores will serve as our site Social Worker
- Teachers new to Freedom but not to our district:
 - 4th Grade: Janie Hernandez
 - 5th Grade: Moreno-Perez (Dual Language)
 - 6th Grade: Yesenia Navarro

Important Dates:

- **8/6** → 2:15 pm-3:00 pm- Meet and Greet - campus scavenger hunt & meet your teachers!
- **8/7** → 2:15 pm-3:30 pm- First Flight- 4th grade family and student orientation only
- **8/8** → 7:55am - First Day of school, breakfast served from 7:15am to 7:45am
- **8/12** → 8:55 am- Late Start Mondays begin, all Mondays school starts at 8:55am.
- **8/21** → 5:00pm- 6:30pm- Back to School Night - Principal & Teachers present parent & student
 - expectations. Drawings, prizes and important information will be presented, mark your calendars, you won't want to miss it!

Communication:

We will continue to use **Parent Square- to send calls, text messages and emails home** as our primary communication method. **You can also follow us on Instagram @FreedomEaglesSoar for live updates!** Please update all contact information immediately through Aeries Portal.

Please take the time to review **attendance expectations, dress code, cell phone policy** and updated drop off and pick up procedures attached. This will help you and your student know what to expect as they begin the school year.

We appreciate your support, collaboration, and partnership and look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cindy Monroy, *Principal*

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2024-2025 Freedom Elementary School

Important Dates



January

- 1-6 Winter Break
- 20 No School
- 23 AR Party
- 27-31 Great Kindness Week
- 31 SOAR Awards

August

- 6 4th Grade First Flight
- 7 4th-5th-6th Meet & Greet
- 8 First day of school
- 21 Back to school Night
- 30 AR Party

February

- 10 No School
- 17 No School
- 20 AR Party
- 25-27 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 28 SOAR Awards AM

September

- 2 No School
- 6 SOAR Awards
- 18 Picture Day
- 26 AR Party

March

- 3-7 Read Across America Week
- 17 No School
- 19 Family STEAM Night
- 27 AR Party
- 28 SOAR Awards

October

- 4 SOAR Awards
- 14 No School
- 15 4th/5th Lunch on the Lawn
- 17 6th Lunch on the Lawn
- 21-25 Red Ribbon Week
- 31 AR Party
- 31 Family Night

April

- 1-11 ELPAC Testing
- 9 Open House
- 14-21 Spring Break
- 24 AR Party
- 25 SOAR Awards

November

- 1 No School
- 15 SOAR Awards,
- 5-8 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 22 Turkey Trot
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

May

- 12-23 State Testing
- 9 Mother's Day Performance
- 26 No School
- 28 AR Field Trip
- 30 SOAR Awards

December

- 12 AR Party
- 13 Winter Program
- 16-31 Winter Break

June

- 4 6th Grade Promotion
- 5 Last Day of School

Please contact Freedom Elementary with questions: (559)592-2662

School Attendance

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ ATTENDANCE INFORMATION BELOW

Regular Day: 8:00 am-2:30 pm

Late Start Mondays: 8:55 am-2:30 pm

Minimum Day/ Early Release Day: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Attendance & Absences:

School attendance is the responsibility and obligation of every student enrolled at Freedom Elementary School. Missing school can impact academic progress, service support and promotion. It is **IMPORTANT** that a parent or guardian call the school if a student will be absent. If chronic absences will be reported to the SART and SARB teams. Calls can be made the day the student will be absent, you may call as early as 7am to the front office number at

(559) 592-2662.



Tardies to School:

Unless a parent/guardian contacts the office, the tardy is considered unexcused. The following will be the disciplinary policy regarding unexcused tardies. A Tardy will be marked on the student file every time they are tardy.

1st Tardy - Warning

Any tardy after the 1st - Documented and parent contact will be made.

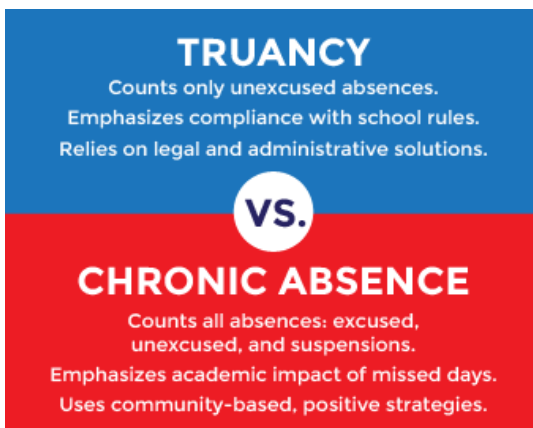
Truant Tardies - Referred to SART Team for attendance plan

Chronic Tardiness - Parent Conference and referral to SARB contract

Excessive Chronic Tardiness - Family is referred to District SARB



Support Plans & Consequences:



A student will be considered **TRUANT** if the parent or legal guardian fails to notify the school at the time of the absence or tardy. Calls and letters will be made by the school in an attempt to provide support and resolve absence and tardies. A plan may be put in place by the Principal.

A student will be considered **CHRONICALLY Absent** if the student continues to be tardy or absent and/or if the plan set in place by the school or principal is not followed. The parents and students will be referred to the District SARB team. The family will be required to meet with the attendance court representative to resolve student absences. *If this plan is not followed the SARB team will refer the family to the Superior Court where neglect to attend school can end in monetary fines.*

UNEXCUSED Absences: *(Excessive Excused absences are also prone to consequences)*

1 unexcused + = Phone calls are made home by the attendance clerk

3 unexcused + = Parent contact, 1st parent notification letter is sent out

6 unexcused + = Parent contact, 2nd letter, Parent is called to meet with School Student Attendance Review Team (SART)

9 unexcused + = Parent contact, 3rd letter; SART team gives the family a Warning for SARB referral and procedures.

12 unexcused + = District Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) will meet with parents, law enforcement, superintendent, principal and the attendance director for truancy will be present.

18 unexcused + = The SARB team will refer the family to the Superior Court for legal proceedings on chronic absences and attendance.

EAGLE STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress in a manner that does not distract from the learning process. In accordance with district policy, school sites have the responsibility to identify and restrict attire that may lead to unsafe conditions. Dress code will be enforced while on campus during regular school hours and any other school functions after hours.

For safety purpose we have the following dress code:

Shorts, skirts:

- ❖ Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length, including pants with worn out holes must be fingertip range or below the knees.
- ❖ Spandex and leggings must worn under appropriate clothing
- ❖ No hole or tares in shorts

Shirts

- ❖ Straps need to be 2 fingers wide
- ❖ No spaghetti straps
- ❖ No see thru or mesh clothing
- ❖ No images of skulls, demons or devil
- ❖ No images of violence, weapons, guns, bullets, knives, etc.
- ❖ No inappropriate saying or graphics or advertisements (Including in any language) that distract from the learning environment.

Pants

- ❖ Pants, shorts, or cutoffs must fit properly, may not be oversized or sag below the waist.
- ❖ No holes higher than above the knee where skin is seen
- ❖ Spandex/leggings are not permitted to be worn as pants
- ❖ Pajama bottoms are not adequate attire unless on special spirit days.

Jewelry

- ❖ Gauges that have a sharp point are not allowed
- ❖ Jewelry must be worn underneath clothing, NO dangling jewelry

Hair

- ❖ Has to be appropriately groomed
- ❖ Has to be non-destructive

Shoes

- ❖ All shoes must have a strap and be properly sized
- ❖ Students must wear shoes that protect their entire foot at all times

Other

- ❖ No face painting, visible tattoos or writing on skin
- ❖ No bra or bra straps showing, backless shirts, or see thru clothing without another shirt underneath that meets dress code
- ❖ Beanies are permitted during cold weather only and only outside
- ❖ A 3-inch wide-brims hat may be worn outside. NO baseball caps or other headgear
- ❖ Shoe strings cannot be worn as belts
- ❖ Clothing shall be free of drug, alcohol, tobacco, gang, vulgar, profane, or sexually suggestive images and words



Steps followed for dress code violations:

1. Students will be given a warning and offered loaner clothing if available
2. If loaner clothing is not available: Parents will be called and requested to bring other clothing

Steps to be followed for major and continual dress code violations:

1. Parents will be called and requested to bring other clothing. If parents are unable to bring other clothing, students will remain in the central office and work on grade level appropriate materials.

The school administration has the final say on what constitutes distracting or potentially dangerous clothing. For the safety of all the students, the following standards have been established by Farmersville Unified School District to insure that the instructional program of the school may operate fully and effectively for all students, free on interference and distraction and without hazard or threat to students' health, safety, and general welfare (EC32282).

FREEDOM ELEMENTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Freedom Elementary School expects all students to represent appropriate Eagle behaviors & interactions with all peers, staff members and school visitors on campus; for this reason, we have developed school-wide expectations for behavior which can be reviewed on the next page. Staff, students and parents/legal guardians all work as a team at Freedom Elementary School and we all have responsibilities to ensure a safe learning environment for all students.

Responsibilities of the Members of FES Learning Environment

Staff Responsibility:	Student Responsibility:	Parent Responsibility:
We will create a safe & focused learning environment for all students and staff. Behavior, Dress Code and overall presentation are an important part of our learning environment.	Students are expected to follow the School SOAR Expectations, Dress Code and Code of Conduct while at school and during after school activities and functions on campus.	Ensure students have appropriately fitting clothing. Encourage positive behaviors and contact us for support when needed. Update contact information if it changes. Be a part of our education team!

The list below are code of conduct violations that may result in suspension or expulsion from school.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

1. Failure to abide by school expectations and policies set forth in the Student Handbook and Board Policy.
2. Failure to follow directives of teachers, staff, administrators and other authorized personnel.
3. Academic Dishonesty / Lying / Cheating
4. Absenteeism/Tardiness*
5. Intimidation, Bullying and/or Harassment*
6. Defiance and/or Disrespect*
7. Destruction and/or Misuse of Property*
8. Displaying Gang Membership/Affiliation
9. Dress Code Violations
10. Drugs, Alcohol and/or Tobacco*
11. Inappropriate use of Electronic Devices*
12. Explosives, Gas, or Arson*
13. Fighting and Physical Altercations*
14. Gambling
15. Guns and Weapons*
16. Name Calling, threats and Verbal Altercations
17. Public Displays of Affection
18. Sexual Misconduct/ Harassment*
19. Verbal or Physical Harassment*
20. Theft*
21. Continuation of, unmodified, or repetitive acts of misconduct previously addressed
22. Failure to abide by corrective measures previously imposed for misconduct
23. Any other acts which directly or indirectly jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of school personnel or other students, or interfere with the learning environment.
24. Illegal activities such as vandalism, graffiti, use or possession of drugs, paraphernalia, alcohol, tobacco products or other controlled substances are prohibited. Matches, lighters, weapons, firearms, or any other dangerous items are also illegal on campus.




*** Students may be suspended or Expelled as per CA Law & Education Code ***

S.O.A.R.

EAGLE Student Expectation Matrix

Freedom Elementary School S.O.A.R. Expectations

	Classrooms	Restroom	Outdoors / Breaks	Cafeteria	Library	Front Office	Social Emotional Learning	Bus
 <p>SAFE Be responsible in your learning environment and stay safe.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring all necessary materials Stay focused & on task Try your best Keep yourself & others safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep yourself & others safe Conserve materials Help keep them clean Wash your hands, sanitize & wear your mask properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure your temperature is taken before entering campus Be independent Follow directions, expectations and safety guidelines Remain in your designated areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain in a line, Keep food in your designated areas Support and follow the expectations Help supervisors when needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study & work hard Be curious, explore books Keep yourself & others safe: wash your hands, sanitize & wear your mask properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Know your purpose Stay committed, keep yourself & others safe Communicate with office staff and Principal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage others and self. Ask an adult if you or someone needs help. Be a responsible decision maker. Help maintain a positive & safe learning environment Be a positive role model 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be on time to the bus stop Remind others of health and safety expectations Keep your voice level low Stay in your assigned seat Help the bus driver when needed
<p>ORGANIZED Keep all materials and belonging signs in their designated areas, be prepared.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate social distance Be polite, kind & encourage others Use your own materials Navigate websites responsibly and purposefully for learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use only your designated restroom Wait your turn Honor privacy Keep yourself & others safe: wash your hands, sanitize & wear your mask properly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greet staff & peers upon arrival/dismissal Leave area clean Social distance from others at staging areas Wear your mask Stay in designated break areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the cafeteria clean Clean your area, put trash in trash cans Eat your own food Show good table manners Help clean spills and messes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use inside voice, whisper Wait patiently Keep shelves and books organized Tidy up and organize the space you used before you leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Politely greet peers & office staff Show your hall pass w/office staff Use inside voice Respects others' space and conversations. Clearly state reason for your visit Patently wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of your words, emotions, and thoughts. Treat everyone with respect & fairly Check in with peers, ask how they are doing/feeling Acknowledge the presence of others Demonstrate positive behaviors & language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay home if you feel sick Keep your hands to self & on your belongings Leave the bus cleaner than you found it Respect other students & staff
<p>ACCOUNTABLE Stay on task and complete <u>you</u> assigned responsibilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen attentively & focus on learning Ask questions, clarify & inform Be on-time to class/log in to your distance learning zoom on DL days Give your best effort & make a difference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the expectations Remind others of the expectations Use it on your designated time Report bullying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow & remind others of safety guidelines Communicate kindly with others Positively acknowledge staff & peers Report bullying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make healthy choices Encourage your peers to learn about what they eat Inquire about menu items Try new foods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> READ Explore diverse genres Start with the topics that interest you Be open to new ideas and challenge yourself to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage time wisely Follow & remind others of safety guidelines Wait your turn Bring a book to read while you wait 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage others to succeed Apologize and learn from your mistakes Regulate and control your emotions, thoughts and behaviors. Remind others of the positive expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to your bus driver Follow the bus expectations, even when no-one is watching Report problems to the bus driver.
<p>RESPECTFUL Value your teachers, peers and your community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep a positive attitude Value the ideas of others Honor your learning environment Show appreciation by helping your peers & teachers Keep yourself & others safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of voice level Maintain the restrooms clean, put paper towels in trash cans Respect students in stalls, stall walls and washing areas. Thank your custodial team for sanitizing them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak politely & include others Maintain your outdoor spaces clean Pick up belongings, materials, gear and trash Respect equipment provided Help break supervisors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up & offer to help Be polite Thank Cafeteria staff for their work Help lunch supervisors and cafeteria staff when needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take care of materials Keep the library tidy and organized Put all trash in trash cans Ask for & accept help Thank your librarian for the hard work and help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be patient & honest Thank office staff for their assistance. Help keep your office space neat and clean Acknowledge those who enter by greeting them 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value the help you <u>receive</u> Thank others Empathize with others Offer to help & encourage others A smile can brighten someone's day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greet and thank your peers and bus driver Be aware of voice level Keep your space and your seat clean Keep food and drinks off the bus

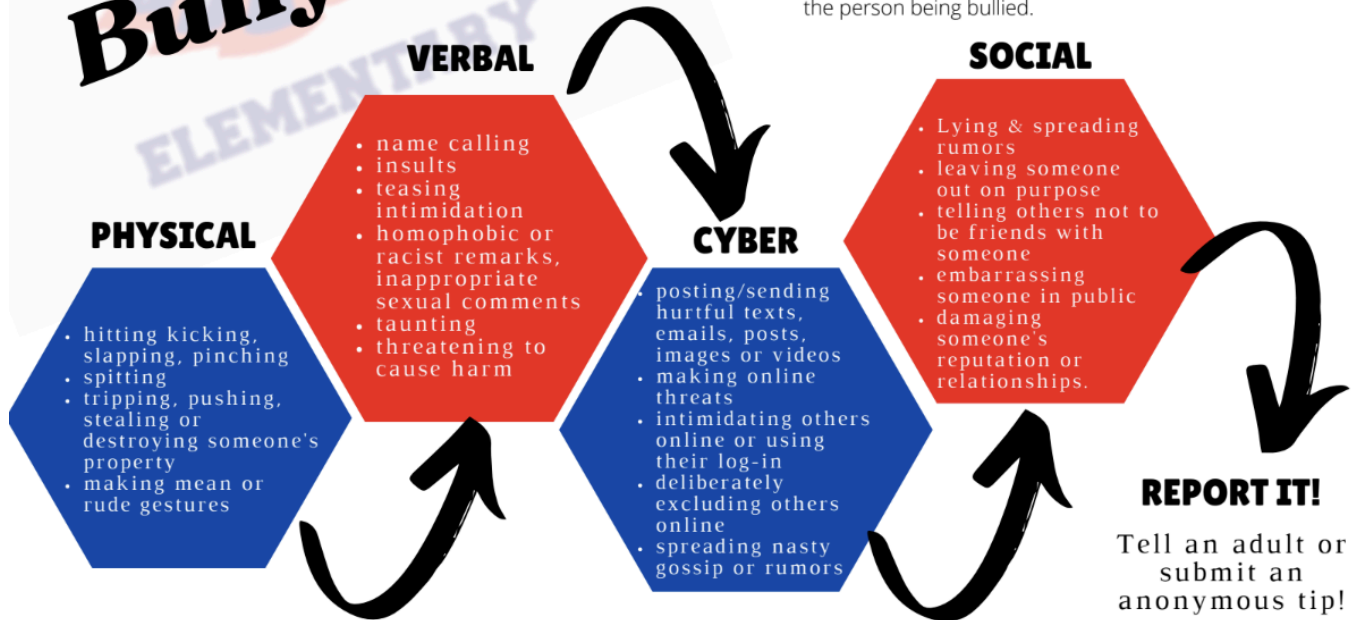
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What is Bullying?

Bullying is repeated aggressive behavior where one person (or group of people) deliberately intimidates, abuses, or coerces an individual **with the intention to hurt a person physically or emotionally**. While students may be unkind, there is a clear line between conflict and bullying.

Incidents of bullying must include all 3 of these characteristics:

- 1) **Intentional**- the behavior was aggressive and a deliberate attempt to hurt another person.
- 2) **Repeated**- these aggressive actions occur repeatedly over time to the same person or group of people.
- 3) **Power imbalance**- the person bullying has more physical or social power than the person being bullied.



Source: stopbullying.gov

Prepared by: Dr.Cindy Monroy

When should I submit a Tip?



SAY SOMETHING



Warning Signs

A friend or family member do something that can be life threatening to them or someone. It can be a comment, a behavior or a post on social media.



Act Immediately

Take it very seriously! Contact an adult immediately, in person or by accessing your App, web browser or tip phone line and submit your tip.



Give Clear Details

The Crisis counselor may text you back requesting specific of your concern so we can best support your peer, family member.

SAY SOMETHING

ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM

SEE IT. REPORT IT.

Say Something App

(Anonymous Reporting System)

How do I make a report or submit a tip if someone is in danger?

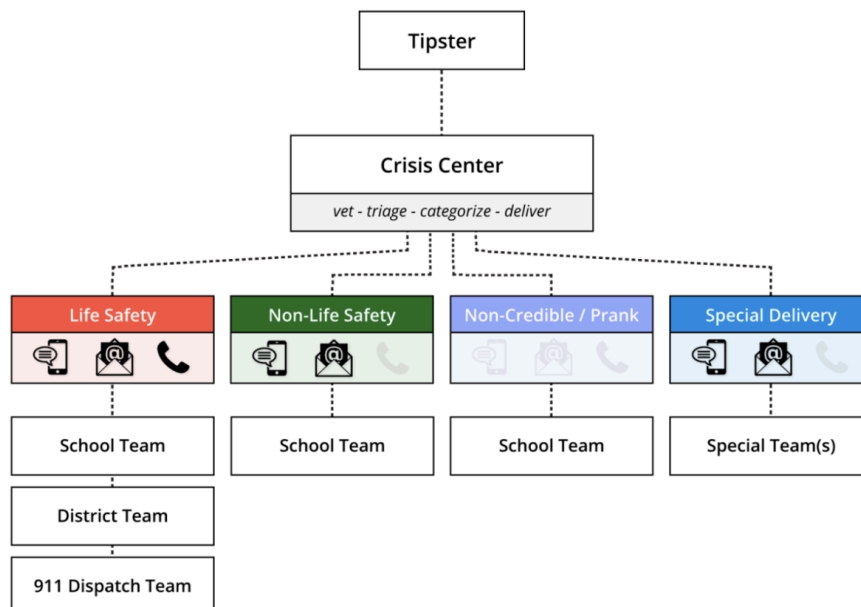


1. Download the Say Something App on your phone on your app store.
2. Create an account with your own 4 -digit pin.
3. Search for Freedom Elementary School and connect to our school.
4. You are ready to submit a tip anytime. Submit when someone is in danger or not well physically, emotionally or mentally.

What happens when someone submits a tip?

When you submit a tip, the message immediately goes to a call center. The call center operator then investigates the tip further and decides if it is TRUE, an EMERGENCY OR something the Principal can and should address. It is categorized into 4 categories: Life safety, non-life safety, non-credible/prank or special delivery then the Principal and counselor are contacted. In some cases Law Enforcement is contacted first in case of emergency. See the flowchart below. ALL Reports are taken seriously, submitting false reports, rumors, or tips may result in serious consequences and disciplinary action.

Tip Routing & Notifications - The diagram below illustrates how a tip is routed & how team members are notified based on categorization of the tip.



More Say Something Details

(Anonymous Reporting System)



The *Say Something Anonymous Reporting System* allows anyone to anonymously report an issue 24/7/365 through an app, hotline, or website when they see a classmate who is at risk of harming themselves or others. The Say Something Anonymous Reporting System:

- Operates 24/7/365 – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- Solely responding to messages (aka tips) received by the *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System
- Dedicated team of highly skilled and trained Crisis Counselors
- Fluent in multiple languages with translation support for over 600 languages
- Trained in suicide prevention, crisis management, and mental health support
- Skilled professionals with backgrounds in psychology, social work, and education
- Directed by a former law enforcement official with 20+ years of experience in anonymous reporting systems

What should you report?

- Acts of violence, with or without weapons
- Verbal or physical abuse, assault or harassment
- Sexual abuse, assault or harassment
- Threats seen on social media
- Bullying, fighting, harassment or intimidating behaviors
- Bragging about weapons or a planned attack
- Depression, anxiety or loss of self-control
- Hopelessness, excessive guilt or worthlessness
- Reckless behavior, theft and petty crimes
- Social isolation or withdrawal
- Substance or alcohol abuse
- Suicide threats, cutting or other self-harm
- Any other troubling situation or behavior

Tips submitted are immediately reported to a team of dedicated staff at Freedom Elementary School, consisting of the Principal, Vice Principal, Counselor, Social Worker and School Psychologist. One of the team members immediately follows up on tips reported and starts an investigation into the tip.

How to Submit an Anonymous Tip

Say Something Website: <https://www.p3campus.com/tipform.aspx?ID=3000&HF=1&Logo=0&X=1&H=0>

Hotline: Call the 24/7 Crisis Hotline Counselors At **1-844-5-SayNow**

Download the Say Something App:



(create an account and 4-digit pin)