

Eli Whitney Weekly Update

December 5, 2021

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Principal's Post



Dear Parents and Guardians,

In light of this past week's tragic events in Michigan, I would like to extend Eli Whitney's heartfelt sympathy to the Oxford High School community. This tragedy reinforces the importance Eli Whitney places on safety, security, order, and social and emotional learning for everyone at our school. I want both our students and staff to feel physically and psychologically safe and cared for. The Eli Whitney administration and staff in conjunction with the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS) leadership promise to do everything reasonably possible to protect your children against any threat that may arise while they are in our care.

Since communication is a two-way process, we are encouraging everyone in the Whitney community to communicate with us if they have a safety concern. If you **See Something or Hear Something** related to school safety, bullying, harassment, or any potentially unsafe situation, please **Say Something** by informing an adult in the building or using the [Say Something Anonymous Reporting Form](#).

What can you do to help keep our students safe? Start by talking to your child about safety issues and empower them to talk about their concerns and express their feelings. Make sure our students understand our school policies and procedures (e.g cutting class, insubordination, bathroom use, late to class, and school uniforms, etc.) are in place to ensure the safety and security of everyone at

school. Contact me to get involved in helping to maintain and develop a more positive and safe school culture at Eli Whitney.

[The National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments](#) indicates: “Safe schools promote the protection of students from violence, exposure to weapons and threats, theft, bullying, and the sale or use of illegal substances on school grounds. School safety is linked to improved student and school outcomes. In particular, emotional and physical safety in school is related to academic performance. At the same time, students who are victims of physical or emotional harassment or who are involved in the sale or use of illegal substances on school grounds are at risk for poor attendance, course failure, and dropout.”

Every member of the school community is responsible for doing their part to ensure we have a safe, secure, and orderly school.

- Parental support in having your child follow all Eli Whitney and CTECS policies and procedures will optimize your child’s safety at Eli as well as maximize your child’s success rate in the trades and academics.
- Inform school staff about health and emotional concerns. Whether your child has a food allergy, a physical disability, or has been subject to bullying or harassment, make sure to keep your child's teachers and administrators informed.
- All adults at Eli Whitney are responsible for following, reporting, and assisting to enforce all [school](#) and [district policies and procedures](#).
- Students are responsible for following all [school](#) and [district policies and procedures](#).
- Parents, teachers, staff, and students are responsible for reading and acknowledging they have read the [Whitney Parent/Student Handbook Addendum 2021-2022](#) and the [CTECS Parent & Student Handbook 2021-2022](#).
- Learn the school's emergency procedures.
- Know and follow school security and safety measures. These might include signing in when visiting the school, being escorted when walking through the building, or wearing a visitor pass. Following these procedures also sets a great example for our students.
- Talk with your child about social-emotional safety. Be specific. Talk about instinct and paying attention to funny feelings of fear. Explain what to do if they don’t feel safe (find an adult, visit your School Counselor, see an administrator, Etc.).

- It is critically important that family emergency contact information is up to date in PowerSchool. Parents can update contact information through the Parent Portal; for help, contact your child's school counselor.

Thank you for your continued support and for entrusting the safety of your children to us.

Sincerely,

Carlos A. Aldave
Principal
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Health and Wellness

[Wearing Face Masks](#)
[Protects You, Your Friends and Your Family](#)

Ms. Blue-Becton, School Social Worker, SHARES:

- Food Resources
 - [New Haven Area Food Assistance Resource Guide](#)
 - [Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen](#)

Uniform Policy
Helps To Ensure The Safety And Security Of Everyone At Eli.

[Eli Whitney Uniform policy](#)

Important Links

[Bell Schedule](#)
[Say Something Anonymous Reporting Form](#)
[School Calendar 2021-2022 \(Updated 10-8-21\)](#)
[Uniform Purchasing Site](#)

[Whitney Parent/Student Handbook Addendum](#)
[Parent & Student Handbook 2021-2022](#)

Eli's Website

<https://whitney.cttech.org/>

Future Events

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