

# NO PLACE FOR HATE

## RIDGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

\*No Place for Hate is a program and movement designed by the Anti-Defamation League



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### What is a No Place for Hate School?

No Place for Hate is a collaborative initiative that provides PreK–12 schools with an organizing framework for students, administrators, teachers and family members to develop long-term solutions for creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable climate. No Place for Hate schools receive their designation in the following ways:

- Building inclusive and safe communities in which respect and equity are the goals and where all students can thrive.
- Empowering students, faculty, administration and family members to take a stand against bias and bullying by incorporating new and existing programs under one powerful message.
- Sending a clear, unified message that all students have a place where they belong.

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## Hate-Free in Quarter 3

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As nearly three quarters of the school year are complete, RHS continues to fight bias and prejudice by making great progress toward becoming a No Place for Hate (NPFH) school.

Since the pledge signing in November, the focus has been on holding at least three schoolwide activities revolving around fostering equity and inclusivity, which RHS is excelling in.

An ongoing event by the RHS Unity Club is recording Intentional Acts of Respect. Students are asked to submit experiences demonstrating respect, with the goal to reach 2,021 total entries by the end of April.

RHS senior Riley Courtney and other NPFH ambassadors organized The Social Dilemma Discussion Series to examine the role social media plays in bias and democracy.

In February, the first discussion regarding Social Media and Mental Health was held with great success. The second discussion was held March 16th, and the final one will be April 7th.

Additional NPFH events have occurred or are in the works. Names Day and the "Man's Inhumanity to Man" assembly have been in RHS for years.

RHS sophomores participated in a modified Names Day Assembly in early March. These responses are then taken one step further, through the Humans of Ridgefield activity, which

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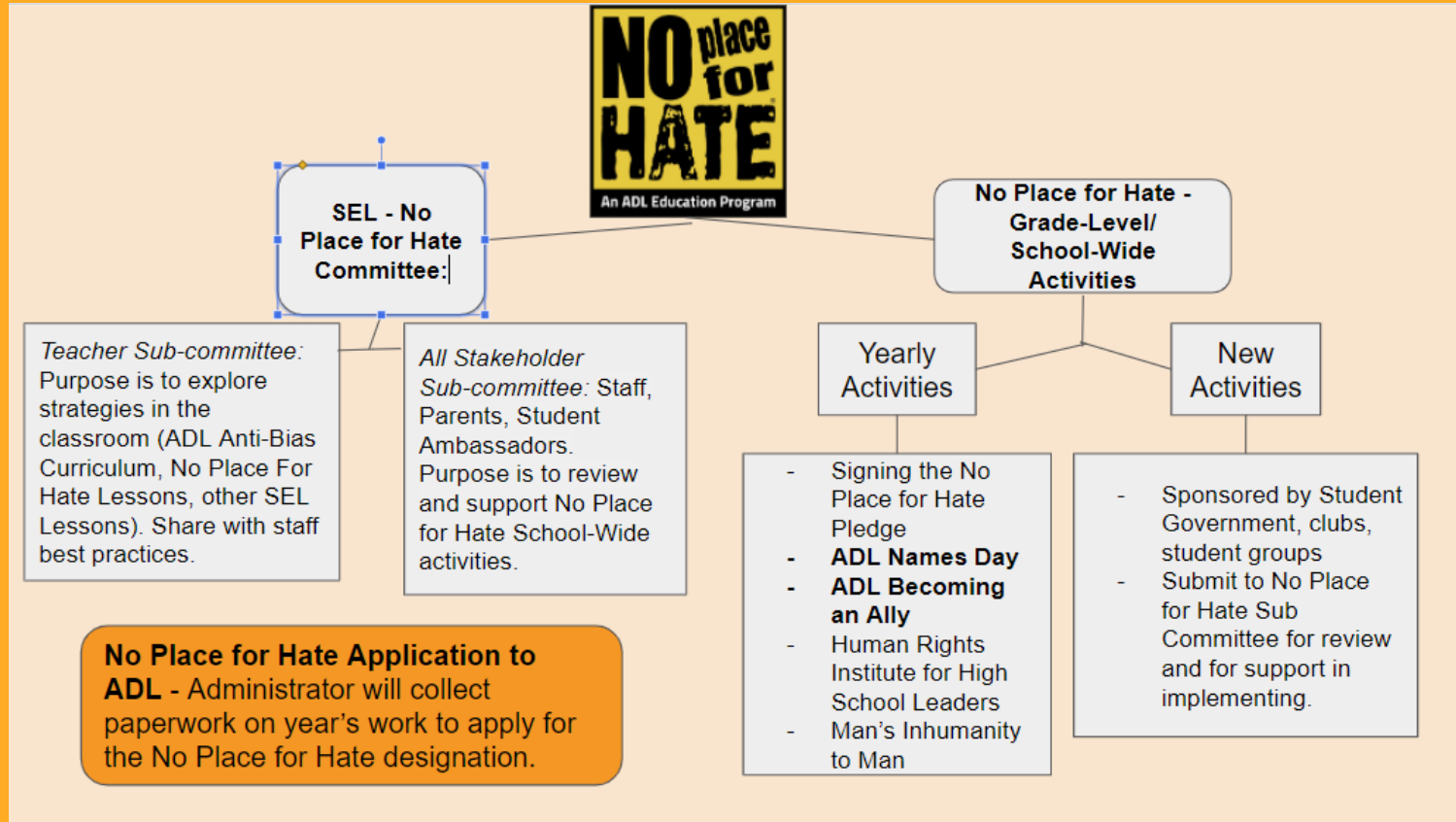
The idea is that clubs or small groups will come together to design an event that interests them, but also fits under the NPFH values. To make this possible, an option has been added to the S.O. club-starting form that can be checked off, followed by a few questions, allowing that activity to be considered for the program.

"I remember the Key Club a couple years ago did a Kindness Day, so it was basically just a day during lunch where students could just talk to new people," says Kate Buccì, '21 and RHS student body president. "I think small events like that would work, things that kids can do easily during the day. Or even a club creating posters. It doesn't have to be this huge event."

At the end of the school year, the school will hear from ADL on whether or not the designation will be awarded next year. If so, RHS will become one of the first schools in all of Connecticut to receive it.

"What I like about No Place for Hate is that it's not just one class or one club," says Mrs. Phostole. "In order to actually get this designation, we need pretty much all our students to get involved in some way and work together towards this one goal. It really is the missing link to be together all the other programs we have done to work towards ending prejudice."

Mrs. Phostole and others are hopeful that this designation will be renewed every year. Each group of new students bring in issues that



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