## Accountability and Data Project School Counseling Programs - Access, Attainment, Achievement



This project provides targeted supports to students				
U Who need academic support	Who need academic enrichment	Other (please specify):		
From low-income families	Who are refugees	All students with special		
□ Who are emergent bilingual	Who are immigrants	emphasis on those with social/emotional needs		
□ With disabilities	Who are first-generation college going	social/emotional needs		
Experiencing homelessness	$\Box$ Of ethnically or culturally diverse backgrou	nds		

#### **Baseline Data**

The Sharp Survey taken in 2021 showed 62.6% of students were moderate to high on the depressive symptoms scale. 44.6% indicated they were in need of a moderate to high level of treatment. The needs assessment of 2020-21 revealed 41.2% of students in need of support for social issues & 37.4% in need of emotional/mental health support. 93% of parents felt their student could use help with stress mngmnt and 92% said the same about self esteem/confidence. Teachers almost unanimously agreed that crisis prevention/ intervetion/postvention were helpful & needed, as are classsroom counseling lessons & other support from the school counselor. They feel that students need to be taught how to manage emotions and stress as well as learn to develop self esteem and self confidence.

#### How does this project support the School Improvement Plan?

This project supports the goal in the school improvement plan to provide mental health awareness and assist in meeting the mental health needs of all students.

This project is: 

New
Continuing

\*Number of previous years on project:

Goal Statement				
Direction	Group	Data Elements	Expected	Date of Outcome
Example: Increase	9th grade male emergent bilingual students	credit completion rates by	10%	by the end of the 4th term
Increase	Tier 1 - schoolwide	awareness of soc/em/mntl	25%	at the beginning of the
		health tips & resources		school year
Goal Explanation (Optional)				
The goal was to increase awareness of the social/emotional/mental health tips and resouces available to students within the school so that they can access those and achieve academically as a result.				

#### How will achieving this goal lead to significant and meaningful outcomes for students?

We know from the literature on learning that students who are supported socially, emotionally and mentally in school are more likely to be in a position to learn and grow rather than focus their energies on trying to feel safe and secure in school. Students stuck in survival mode are much more reactive and much less disposed to learning. As students become aware of, and thus gain access to, social/emotional/mental health supports within the school, they are more apt to stay in, or get back in, to their learning brain.

Systemic Interventions		
Individual Level	Provide social/emotional/mental health interventions from the counseling department to individual students as needed.	
Student Group Level	Provide awareness of the social/emotional/mental health resources in groups with students who need additional support (social skills group, anxiety group, girl group, boy group).	
Classroom Level	Involve teachers in a tiered support system for students with social/emotional/mental health issues. Let teachers know how their students can access additional Tier 2 and Tier 3 support (such as through the refocus room and other school-based mental health resources).	
Grade Level	Counselor and school-based social worker will rotate montly visits to each of the grades to teach coping skills and school expecations based on the school motto "P.R.I.D.E. runs deep."	
School Level	Teach an opening SEL lesson to all students about how to feel safe and secure in school and what resources are available in school to help them (refocus room, calm room by the counselor's office, safeut app, keeping locker combination private, keeping a bully-free school by being nice and following the golden rule, school-based social worker and therapist).	
District Level	Receive funding for SEL activities and interventions, such as supplying an inviting and calming refocus room with materials that can help students (pillows, blankets, fidgets, bi-tappers, coloring materials, etc.). Tech support for digital resources.	
Family Level	Make parents aware of the social/emotional/mental health supports available in the school through individual meetings, email and social media announcements.	
Community Level	Create a community mental health resources list for students and parents in need of additional assitance outside the school.	

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Progress Monitoring: How is it going?			
Fall	Winter	Spring	
Students received a	Continue to monitor the use of the	Use data to set new goals	
classroom presentation	refocus room, school-based social	for the following year.	
informing them of	worker and therapist, counseling		
social/emotional/mental	center, and collect data on usage of		
health tips and supports	these resources. Make sure faculty		
in school. Parents were	and staff are also fully aware of the		
informed over email and	tiered SEL interventions within the		
social media posts.	school and how students can access		
	them.		

Results	<b>Outcome</b>	Statement
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Yes

○ No ○ Undetermined

Did you meet your goal? According to the post presentation data collected from the students, they are more aware now of the social/emotional/mental health resources available to them in school and more likely to use those supports as a result of the classroom presenation they recieved at the beginning of the school year. There was an average 34% increase in students' awareness of the social/emotional/mental health tips and resources given at the beginning of the year in an SEL classroom presentation to all students.

### **Reflection: Project Outcome Analysis**

Increasing awareness is a good starting point in the implementation of tiered supports within our school. The hope is that it will naturally lead to increased useage of these supports.

Evidence of Impact: When did you share the story?		
Administration	09/2022	
Faculty and Staff	10/2022	
School Community Council	10/2022	
School Board	05/2022	



### **Reflection: Learning and Next Steps**

This year the goal has been to increase awareness and usage of social/emotional/mental health resources and supports here in school. The next step will be to track the data to see if there is a correlation between this awareness and usage and increased academic attainment and acheivement as a result.