Dickinson ISD



2019-2020

Thank you to Rebuild Texas. Dickinson ISD was able to put the vision of Gator Wellness into action.









What is Gator Wellness?

Gator Wellness is a proactive approach that is implemented from birth to adulthood. The goal is for Gator Wellness to become a part of our everyday life in Gator Nation. Gator Wellness includes Dickinson ISD's Comprehensive Counseling Program, Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for Mental & Behavioral Health, Family Engagement, Mental Health Wellness & Awareness, Community Partnerships, and Crisis Prevention & Response.

Dickinson ISD is committed to our children, mental health awareness, education, and families.

By working collaboratively, we can additionally ensure that these supports to all stakeholders use a common and complementary language and approach.

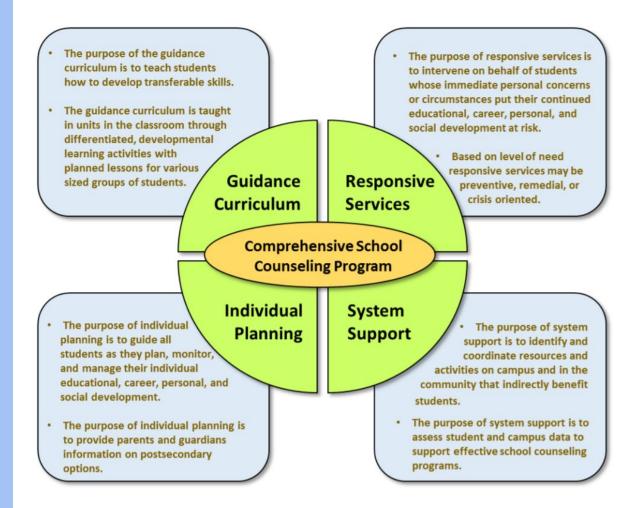


Dickinson ISD Comprehensive Counseling Program

- An internal program audit of the Dickinson ISD Counseling program was completed, and using the data, Dickinson is
 in the process of creating a Comprehensive Counseling Program aligned to The Texas Model for Comprehensive
 School Counseling Programs. Under the direction and guidance of Dr. Ernest Cox, Dickinson will have a
 comprehensive counseling program by the year 2020-2021.
- All counselors have signed an updated job description that correlates with the Texas Model.
- In 2020-2021, a new professional school counselor evaluation tool will be utilized that correlates with the Dickinson Comprehensive Counseling Program.
- This comprehensive counseling program has four service delivery components: Guidance Curriculum, Responsive Services, System Support, and Individual Planning.
- Dickinson will have a High Performing Counseling Program with a well-defined process. It will include an ongoing monitoring system.
- The Professional School Counseling Team looks forward to educating administrators, staff, families, and the community on our program that is sculpted to meet the needs of our students.

(TEC § 33.005)





Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

According to The Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL), Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

The Dickinson ISD Social Emotional Learning (SEL) framework created through the Rebuild TX Grant supports Early Childhood, Kindergarten-12th grade Students, Staff, Families and the Community. The overall vision for this program is "Wellness". Through Gator Wellness, we focus on

- social emotional learning,
- resiliency,
- relationship building,
- trauma informed practices, and
- overall wellness.



SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL) COMPETENCIES

SELF-AWARENESS

The ability to accurately recognize one's own emotions, thoughts, and values and how they influence behavior. The ability to accurately assess one's strengths and limitations, with a well-grounded sense of confidence, optimism, and a "growth mindset."

- **⇒** IDENTIFYING EMOTIONS
- **⇒** ACCURATE SELF-PERCEPTION
- ⇒ RECOGNIZING STRENGTHS
- **⇒** SELF-CONFIDENCE
- ⇒ SELF-EFFICACY

SELF-MANAGEMENT

The ability to successfully regulate one's emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations — effectively managing stress, controlling inpulses, and motivating oneself. The ability to set and work toward personal and academic goals.

- **⇒** IMPULSE CONTROL
- **⇒** STRESS MANAGEMENT
- **⇒** SELF-DISCIPLINE
- **⇒** SELF-MOTIVATION
- **⇒** GOAL SETTING
- ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

SOCIAL AWARENESS

The ability to take the perspective of and empathize with others, including those from diverse backgrounds and cultures. The ability to understand social and ethical norms for behavior and to recognize family, school, and community resources and supports.

- **⇒** PERSPECTIVE-TAKING
- **⇒** EMPATHY
- □ APPRECIATING DIVERSITY
- **⇒** RESPECT FOR OTHERS

RELATIONSHIP SKILLS

The ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups. The ability to communicate clearly, listen well, cooperate with others, resist inappropriate social pressure, negotiate conflict constructively, and seek and offer help when needed.

- **COMMUNICATION**
- **⇒** SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT
- ⇒ RELATIONSHIP BUILDING
- ⇒ TEAMWORK

RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

The ability to make constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on ethical standards, safety concerns, and social norms. The realistic evaluation of consequences of various actions, and a consideration of the wellbeing of oneself and others.

- **□** IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS
- **ANALYZING SITUATIONS**
- ⇒ SOLVING PROBLEMS
- **⇒** EVALUATING
- ⇒ REFLECTING
- **⇒** ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY



Family & Community Partnerships

Mental Health America of Greater Houston (MHA)

Hackett Center at the Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute (MMHPI)

Family Service Center

Communities in Schools

DePelchin Children's Center

BACODA

Gulf Coast Center

UTMB

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Lighthouse Caring Ministries'

Resource Crisis Center

Child Advocacy Center of Galveston County

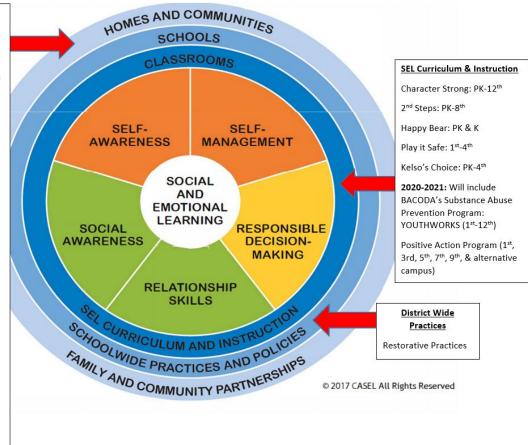
Innovative Alternatives

Krist Samaritan Center Lions Club

American Red Cross

NAMI

Bay Area Assistance League



Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for Mental & Behavioral Health

Dickinson ISD's Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for Mental & Behavioral Health

Tier 1: Mental Health Supports provided for all students (80% of students respond to interventions)

District Wide: Restorative Practices, 2020-2021 Character Strong, Emotional Backpack (Mental Health, Suicide Prevention & Trauma Informed Classrooms), BACODA YOUTHWORKS Prevention & Positive Action

Programs for Elementary: 2020-2021
Calming Kit Training (each classroom will have their own kit), Child Advocacy Center of Galveston County Child Safety (Happy Bear and Play it Safe), 2nd Step
Programs for Middle: 2nd Step
Programs for Junior High: 2nd Step
Programs for High School:

Training Online: Bullying Prevention, Mandatory Reporting/Child Abuse, Available: Youth Mental Health First Aid, AS+K about Suicide to Save a Life, QPR Suicide Prevention, Mental Health First Aid

Staff that Support: Professional School Counselors, Nurses, Behavior Specialists

Tier II: Intermediate Support for Struggling students. Includes all Tier I strategies plus others (15% of students)

Programs: Journey of Hope, Calm Crusaders (PK-6th), Superhero Social Skills(PK-6th), Professional School Counselor Small Group, 2nd Step (PK-8th), Niroga Dynamic Mindfulness, Bounce Back (1st-5th), Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) (5th-12th)

Trainings: Journey of Hope, Calm Crusaders (PK-6th), Texas Children's Hospital Trauma & Grief Component Therapy (6th-12th), CPI, Emotional Poverty by Dr. Ruby Payne

Staff that Supports: Professional School Counselors, Social Workers, Behavior Specialist, Communities in Schools (CIS), Truancy Officers, Registered Behavior Technician, Family Service Center (on 4 campuses) Tier III: Intense support for high risk students. Includes all Tier I & II strategies plus others (5 % of Students) Programs:

Trainings: Texas Children's Hospital Trauma & Grief Component Therapy, Bounce Back, CBITS

Staff that Supports: LSSP's, LPC, Family Service Center (on 4 campuses), Behavior Specialist, Professional School Counselors, Truancy Officers, Registered Behavior Technician

<u>Tier 1: Mental Health Supports provided for all students (80% of students respond to interventions)</u>

<u>District Wide:</u> Restorative Practices & Character Strong (PreKindergarten-12th Grade), BACODA's YOUTHWORKS prevention & Positive Action (HB 1026)

- **Programs for Elementary:**
 - o 2020-2021 Calming Kit Training (each classroom will have their own kit),
 - Child Advocacy Center of Galveston County Child Safety (Happy Bear and Play it Safe),
 - o 2nd Step
- Programs for Middle: 2nd Step
- Programs for Junior High: 2nd Step
- Programs for High School:

Staff Training: Emotional Backpack: Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Trauma- Informed Classrooms, & Mindfulness

<u>Staff Training Online:</u> Bullying Prevention, Mandatory Reporting/Child Abuse, Mental Health

<u>Available Training for Staff:</u> Youth Mental Health First Aid, AS+K about Suicide to Save a Life, QPR Suicide Prevention, Mental Health First Aid

Staff that Support: Teachers, Administrators, Professional School Counselors, Nurses, Behavior Specialists

Tier II: Intermediate Support for Struggling students. Includes all Tier I strategies plus others

(15% of students)

Programs:

- Journey of Hope (Elementary, Junior, Teen & Caregiver)
- Calm Crusaders: Anxiety Group (PK-6th),
- Superhero Social Skills (PK-6th),
- Professional School Counselor Small Group
- 2nd Step (PK-8th)
- Niroga Dynamic Mindfulness (PK- High School)
- Bounce Back (1st-5th)
- Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS) (5th-12th)

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Staff that Supports: Licensed Specialist in School Psychology (LSSP), Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), Family Service Center (on 4 campuses), Behavior Specialist, Professional School Counselors, Truancy Officers, Registered Behavior Technician

2019-2020 Family Engagement and Training Opportunities

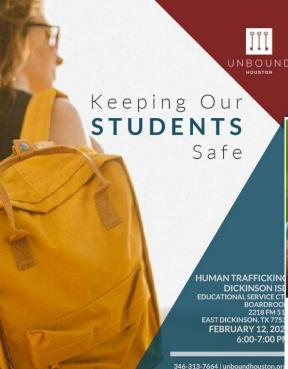
- Early Childhood SEL Training provided by Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers, Daycare staff and parents
- Child Safety presented by Child Advocacy Center of Galveston County
- Parent Support Group DISD Special Programs: Bullying
- Bay Area Alliance Vaping Presentation
- Parent University: Emotional Backpack
- Dickinson PD Eddie Eagle Gun Safety
- NAMI Gulf Coast Ending the Silence of Mental Health Training and Suicide Prevention
- DePelchin Parenting Seminars
- Resource Crisis Center & Dickinson PD Healthy vs Unhealthy relationships & Cyberbullying

- Dickinson PD Parent's Guide to Cyber Safety
- UNBOUND: Human Trafficking 101
- Emotional Backpack: Children's Mental Health
- Emotional Backpack: Suicide Prevention
- QPR Suicide Prevention by DePelchin
- Youth Mental Health First Aid



The following were planned for 2019-2020, but were cancelled due to the pandemic:

- Shriners Bullying program #CUTtheBull and Burn Awareness
- Galveston Chamber Lemonade Day Kick off
- Technology: Neurodevelopmental Effects and Healthy Limits presented by Dr. Crystal Collier
- Emotional Backpack: Trauma Informed
- Water Safety presented by Galveston Island Beach Patrol





Dickinson ISD & the Dickinson Police

Department are presenting the

Eddie Eagle GunSafe Program

November 20, 2019 from 6:00-7:00

Education Support Center Boardroom

2218 FM 517 East

This program is a gun accident prevention program for families and children in Pre-K through Fourth Grade.

For more information on the program please visit,

https://eddieeagle.nra.org/parents/



PARENT NIGHT PROGRAM

March 18, 2020 6:00-7:00 • Dickinson ISD ESC Board Room 2218 FM 517 East • Dickinson, TX 77539

JOIN US! For this inspiring and educational anti-bullying presentation from Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners encourages kids to see the ability in others rather than their disability or differences. Students, staff and parents can become ambassadors for this movement by pledging to #CutTheBull!

JOIN US! And Learn...

- What is Bullying?
- · Cyberbullying?
- What is David's Law?
- . What to do if you are being bullied
- . What to do if you see bullying
- How to pledge to #CutTheBull

It's time to #CutTheBull!

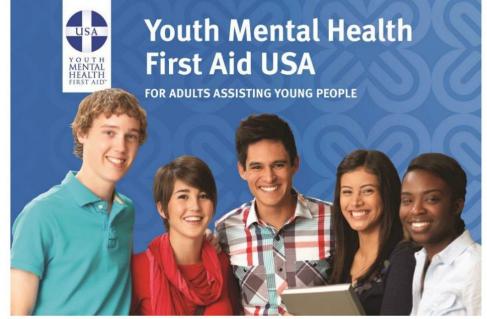




Welcome to Are the Kids Alright? Children's Mental Health









QPR Suicide Prevention Training

QPR stands fro Question, Persuade, and Refer-











ARE INVITED TO ATTEND AN

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT THE DANGERS OF VAPING

PRESENTED BY THE BAY AREA ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

DICKINSON ISD BOARD ROOM 2218 FM 517 East, Dickinson, TX 77539

OCTOBER 2, 2019 | 6 - 7:30 P.M.



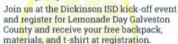
GALVESTON COUNTY

DICKISON ISD LEMONADE DAY GALVESTON COUNTY KICK-OFF EVENT



Wednesday, April 1, 2020 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dickinson ISD Education Support Center Boardroom 2218 FM 517 East, Dickinson

All are welcome! Lemonade Day Galveston County is a free, community and countywide education program designed to spark entrepreneurial spirit and teach youth how to start, own and operate their own business through a lemonade stand. Lemonade Day is Saturday, May 2.



But remember, you MUST have an adult sign your registration form to participate in Lemonade Day!

For more information, visit lemonadeday. org/galveston-county or call the Galveston Regional Chamber of Commerce at 409.763.5326.











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lemonadeday.org/galveston-county

2019-2020 Staff Professional Development Opportunities

- Restorative Practices (District Wide Training)
 - o HB18
- Emotional Backpack: Mental Health, Suicide Prevention,
 Grief & Trauma-Informed, Advanced Trauma-Informed for
 Teachers & Mindfulness
 - Each campus has 2 Emotional Backpack Project Instructors.
 - This is in accordance to SB 11 and HB18
- Calm Crusaders Trainer of Trainer (Elementary & Middle School)
- Journey of Hope
- Niroga Level 1 & 2 Dynamic Mindfulness
- Emotional Poverty by Dr. Ruby Payne
- Texas Children's Hospital Trauma & Grief Component Therapy



Crisis Prevention & Response:



- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Individual & Group:17 staff members
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Application with Children: 3 staff members
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Managing School Crisis: From Theory to Application: 1 staff member
- SIGMA Threat Assessment: Campus Teams
- Dr. Scott Poland Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Self Harm in 2018-2019

- National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) Critical Response Team
 Training: 11 staff members
- National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) Advanced: 4 Team Members Registered



COVID 19 Gator Wellness Supports:

Feeling overwhelmed with emotions & don't know what to do?

We're here to LISTEN and HELP.

Need someone to talk to? How do you get help and resources?

Call: 281-229-6005

The Dickinson ISD Call Center staff will listen, provide resources, and provide referrals.

Call Center Hours

Mon: 9-11am*

Tue: 1:30-3:30pm

Wed: 9-11am*

Thurs: 12-2pm

Fri: 9-11am*

*English and Spanish





Have a concern to repor about a mental health situation or act of violence? You can report anonymously using the P3Campus app (link found at

www.dickinsonisd.org)





HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL HEALTH



SUPPORT Encourage and praise your child





Encourage your child to talk to you

FEELING Get to know how your child is feeling







BEHAVIOR Keep an eye out for changes in behavior



Help your child build rest time into their routine



EDUCATION

Learn signs and symptoms of mental health problems



Make sure to listen to what your child has to say



COPING Help your child learn simple coping skills

For more information on supporting your child's mental health, contact your child's school counselor.



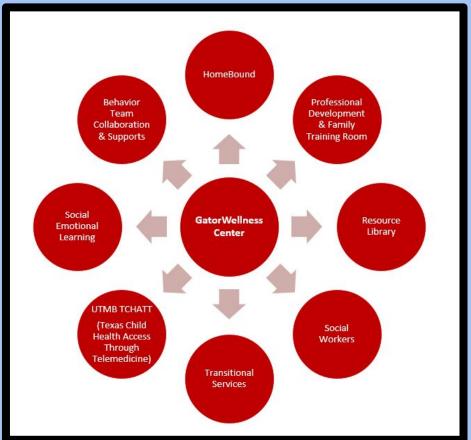


For more helpful information and tips follow the <u>Dickinson</u>
<u>Gator Wellness Facebook page</u> or check out your child's
school counselor's webpage or google classroom.

2020-2021

We are excited to announce that the Gator Wellness Center will be established at McAdams Junior High starting the 2020-2021 school year. The center will provide our students, staff, families and community with a variety of supports. Our Social **Emotional Learning Specialist will** operate and supervise the Gator Wellness Center.









Comprehensive School Counseling Program

- Dickinson ISD program completed and being implemented
- Professional School Counselors being evaluated utilizing the Texas Model Evaluation tool
- Future Hiring Procedures: to include the Social Emotional Learning Specialist and Team Lead during interviews
- Monthly Professional School Counselor Meeting and Data Review
- Data Driven



Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Data Driven Process
- Student and Family Survey
 - Possibly a partnership with UHCL to administer a SEL universal screener and ACEs survey
- District Wide Implementation Plan with Fidelity Checks
 - Character Strong
 - 2nd Steps
 - Restorative Practices
- SEL SAFE approach:
 - Sequenced: Connected and coordinated activities to foster skills development
 - Active: Active forms of learning to help students master new skills and attitudes
 - o Focused: A component that emphasizes developing personal and social skills
 - Explicit: Targeting specific social and emotional skills
- SEL leads and campus teams
 - SEL SQUAD: Social Emotional Learning Staff Qualified Uniquely Advocating for Dickinson
- Calming Kit Training for Staff and Students



Mental Health Wellness & Awareness

- Mental Health, Trauma Informed Practices and Suicide Prevention training yearly
- Mental Health First Aid training offered to staff and the community
- More staff wellness opportunities and/or supports



WHAT IS TRAUMA?

leaves a person feeling hopeless, helpless, and fearing for their life/survival or safety. This experience can be REAL or PERCEIVED. We can experience trauma in many ways. The causes of trauma are less important than how trauma manifests in a child's life but it is important to understand that we can experience trauma in many ways. (STARR Commonwealth)

What are Adverse Childhood Experiences?

ACEs, are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood

ACE's Include:

- Physical Abuse
 Physical Modern
- Priysical Neglect
 Witnessing domestic violence
- Sexual
- Loss of parent due to death divorce, or abandonment
- Emotional Abu
- Emotional Negle
- Household member who suffered from mental health issue, addicted to illegal drugs and/or alcohol or was incarrenated.
- Community & Systematic Caus violence, experiences with raci and chronic poverty

TRAUMA INFORMED & GRIEF INFORMED PRACTICES

DICKINSON ISD 2020-2021

HOW DO WE BECOME A TRAUMA INFORMED DISTRICT?

All campuses need to be predictable, consistent, positive and safe. All staff need ongoing professional development in the are of trauma informed care.

THINKING SHIFT

From "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?"

10 STEPS TO TRAUMA-INFORMED SCHOOLS

- 1. Focus on Resilience
- 2. Understand Trauma as an Experience
- 3. Foster Connections
- 4. Prioritize Social and Emotional Skill Development
- 5. Establish Safety
- 6. Promote Play
- 7. Understand the Link Between Private Logic and Behavior
- 8. Collaborate with Families and Communities
- 9. Support and Invest in Staff

10. Collect and Utilize Outcome Data

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Audience	Time Frame	Training
All Staff	Prior to 1st day of School	Kognito: Student Mental Health & Trauma-Informed Approach to Teaching
Professional School Counselors	Prior to 1st day of School	BounceBack and/or CBITS-Cognitive Based Intervention for Trauma in Schools
All Staff	Fall Semester	The Emotional Backpack Project: Youth Mental Health, Trauma Informed Classrooms & Suicide Prevention
All Staff	Spring Semester	The Emotional Backpack Project Advanced Trauma Informed Practices & Self-Care for Educators

(All training listed are TEA approved for trauma informed & grief informed practices)

For more information please contact Amy Cmaidalka

Family Engagement

- The family resource room will be organized and fully functionable.
- Attendance to events will increase.
- Monthly email and or letter with SEL, counseling updates, community supports, family engagement events, and parenting support opportunities.
- DePelchin attendance increases to seminars.



Crisis Prevention & Response

- Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Self-Harm
 - Updated procedures
 - Training on procedures to all staff and campus response team
- Crisis Kits with Materials & Procedures
- Crisis Response Protocol and Regular Team Meetings



Mental Health Wellness Sustainability

Dickinson ISD has the following as of 2019-2020:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) 3 Instructors
- Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) 3 Instructors
- AS+K? About Suicide to Save a Life 1 trainer
- Emotional Backpack Instructors 2 per campus. Yearly they will train all staff on Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, and being Trauma-Informed.
- Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor Certification (CPI): 13 instructors
- Registered Behavior Technician: 35 staff members going through the certification
- 2 Professional School Counselors seeking their Licensed Professional Counselor Certification







Sustainability Yearly Needs:



- Staff to oversee and champion for Mental Wellness, Social Emotional Learning, the Comprehensive Counseling Program and Community Partnerships
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) to provide services to students with counseling in their IEPs
- Budget for YMHFA & MHFA training materials
- Budget for counseling team to attend professional development and conferences
- Yearly Licenses for SEL/Character Education Curriculum for all campuses
- Data Driven Process and/or Platform
- Budget to maintain calming kits
- Incorporating our work into district policy
- Training for new staff:
 - Restorative Practices
 - Character Strong
 - Emotional Backpack: Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Trauma Informed Practices



The Global Goals

For Sustainable Development

A well defined Department that promotes, advocates, evaluates and supports all of the components within Dickinson Gator Wellness:

- Comprehensive Counseling Program: Professional School Counselors
- Social Emotional Learning: Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness,
 Relationship Skills, & Responsible Decision-Making
- Child Safety
- Bullying & Cyberbullying Prevention
- Anti-Bias Education
- Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) for Mental & Behavioral Health
- Family Engagement & Supports
- Mental Health Wellness & Awareness
- Trauma Informed & Grief Informed Practices
- Community Partnerships
- Crisis Prevention & Response: Suicide Prevention & Crisis Response Team Coordination
- Social Workers: Linking families to supports & resources, School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Chair, Homeless Liaison, Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI), Pregnancy Related Services
- Homebound

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