



Staff and Programs Supporting SUSD Social Emotional Learning

Staff

1. School Psychologists – There are approximately 17 school psychologists employed by the Special Education Department and three school psychology interns.
2. School Nurses – There are 35 nurses employed by the district and 6 health assistants.
3. Secondary School Counselors – There are 36 counselors employed by the district.
4. Chief Security Officer – A former Scottsdale Police officer, who manages Emergency Operations Plans at all schools among other supervisor responsibilities.
5. School Resource Officers – 9 SRO's from the Scottsdale Police Department and 2 from the Phoenix Police Department.
6. School Security Personnel – 30 security personnel that work at secondary schools.
7. Social Workers – We have 4 social workers in the district.

Programs and Partners

1. Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports – PBIS is a prevention-based framework for organizing evidence-based behavioral supports into an integrated continuum that enhances academic and social outcomes for all students. 10 schools received tier one training in March, 2019. An additional 5 schools have an established tier one program from trainings in prior years. The goal is to provide tier two trainings in 2019-20.
2. Jewish Family Children's Services – provides part time counseling services to 9 district Title I schools.
3. High School Health and Wellness Grant – This is a three-year state grant and we are currently in year two. With grant funds we are able to employ three prevention specialists who serve Arcadia, Chaparral, and Desert Mountain High Schools.
4. Everybody Matters – ASU interns in this program teach coping skills and provide emotional support to referred students at three elementary schools.
5. Sanford Harmony Curriculum - a skills promotion program that uses free-standing lessons to promote social and emotional learning for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. All elementary and K-8 schools will teach this curriculum in 2019-20.
6. Signs of Suicide – SOS was designed to combat increasing rates of suicide among high-school youth. This one period, school-based program works to prevent suicide by raising student awareness of depression and other risk factors. The program also includes a short depression screening form for students to evaluate their own risk factors. SOS was presented at Arcadia, Chaparral, and Coronado High Schools this spring. Desert Mountain High School has a similar program in place with another agency. Saguaro High School will offer SOS in September.
7. Opportunity for Success – OFS is an alternative education program for up to eight students in grades 6-8. Located at Mountainside Middle School, the purpose of the program is to teach students behavior strategies so they can be successful in their home school environment.
8. Positive Action Curriculum - a systematic educational program that promotes an intrinsic interest in learning and encourages cooperation among students. It works by teaching and reinforcing the intuitive philosophy that you feel good about yourself when you do positive actions. This curriculum is being used by all Special Education teachers.
9. notMYkid – Chemical Awareness Program option for students and parents for a reduced consequence for first time tobacco or drug use.
10. Restorative Justice – when used in schools, RJ is a theory of justice that focuses on mediation and agreement rather than punishment. A secondary assistant principal is becoming a trainer for this program this summer and will be teaching this process to K-12 administrators in 2019-20.
11. Annual Mental Health in the Schools Networking Breakfast – Held each spring, this is an opportunity for district staff to network and interact with community partners specializing in mental health, social services, prevention, and intervention.