



Supporting a Student's Social-Emotional Well-Being

The Howard County Public School System endeavors to provide all students with comprehensive supports, with every adult playing a strong role in students' social-emotional well-being. The school system is better equipped to foster the well-being of students by embracing community and family partnerships. The following are staff and community members who provide supports.



1 in 4

Howard County high school students experienced hopeless or sad feelings*



1 in 5

Howard County middle school students experienced hopeless or sad feelings*

* Source: 2016 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

44%

of Howard County children do not demonstrate readiness for kindergarten,** based on criteria that include social (and emotional) foundations

** Source: 2018-19 Kindergarten Readiness Assessment

For general inquiries, contact the HCPSS Department of Program Innovation and Student Well-Being at 410-313-6776 or visit:

<https://hcpssne.ws/mentalhealth>

For school-based information, contact your school's counselor

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Provide a comprehensive program encompassing college/career, social-emotional and academic guidance.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Offer counseling, crisis intervention, behavioral support and assessment.

NURSES, HEALTH ASSISTANTS

Coordinate medical case management and provide expertise on the health needs of the school community.

PUPIL PERSONNEL WORKERS

Provide intervention and case management services to students experiencing homelessness, foster care, guardianship/custody concerns and more.

SOCIAL WORKERS, COMMUNITY PROVIDERS

Address the therapeutic needs of students through intervention, staff development and schoolwide initiatives at 30 schools; and serve students with or without insurance, with support from the Howard County Health Department and Horizon Foundation.

TEACHERS

Cultivate the learning environment by engaging students and encouraging student voice.

MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Staff and community providers who help guide and implement mental health initiatives.



BSAP, HISPANIC AND INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT LIAISONS

Connect students, families and staff with cultural, mental health and social-emotional supports. Leverage community partners to provide resources.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATORS

Support students with behavioral and academic challenges through case management services, parent outreach and skill development.

INSTRUCTIONAL INTERVENTION TEAMS

Support teachers, so students can succeed in the classroom.

STUDENT SUPPORT TEAMS

Connect students and families with resources addressing their social-emotional, academic and behavioral needs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY SUBCABINET

A group of community leaders who help set the vision on student mental well-being efforts.