



School-Based Supports for 9th Grade Students and Families

Purpose: The goal of this document is to provide our 9th grade students and families with an informational guide discussing the school-based supports available to increase the success of the whole-child. Below are common questions asked by high school families.

I am concerned about my child's attendance. Who can I call?

Attendance is important in high school. Students who reached 31 or more unexcused absences in any class will automatically fail the class due to attendance. Each school has an attendance officer. Contact the Attendance Officer to ensure your student's attendance is accurate and all absent notes have been submitted by the deadline.

I want my child to become more involved with the school community. Who should I contact?

Students who participate in sports or extracurricular activities tend to be more successful academically. You can learn more about the sports and extracurricular activities offered by reaching out to the Athletic Director for your school.

I noticed a significant change in my child's behavior and I am concerned about their mental health. Who can I speak with?

Every high school is equipped with a Wellness Team. Wellness Teams can consist of a Social Worker, School Counselor and School Psychologist. All of these team members are trained to provide or connect students with the appropriate services.

I am concerned about my child's academic progress. Who should I contact?

The 9th grade school counselor can provide you with detailed information regarding the student's overall academic progress. It is important to meet with the school counselor during the 9th grade year to gain an understanding of credits, grade point averages and graduation requirements. Start the conversation early on how to get your student college and career ready.

My child has a conflict with another student in the building. Who should I inform of the situation?

Each school has a Climate and Culture Team. The Climate and Culture Team consists of a Dean of Students, Restorative Justice Coordinator, Alternative Learning Center Coordinator and Behavior Technicians. All of the persons listed can be contacted to address student conflict.

My child is having problems with the teacher. Who should I contact?

Sometimes there can be misunderstandings between staff and students. If this occurs, reach out to your 9th grade Assistant Principal. The Assistant Principal can meet with the student and teacher to discuss concerns. All schools have Community Partners that support all members of the educational community. These Community Partners and/or the Restorative Justice Coordinator can arrange a meeting with both parties to create a resolution.

Are there any other supports for families?

All schools have various resources for families. These resources vary from school to school based on the school's needs. You may find that your school has a Parent Coordinator to support families. If you have additional questions call the Main Office or reach out to the 9th Grade Assistant Principal for more information.