

# THRIVE/SUCCEED Grant and Counseling

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## Counseling

Things continue to be progressing at SISD with students and staff working together to meet the needs of our students. **(Goal 1 and 2)**

## THRIVE/SELECT/REWARD/SUCCEED/SOAR Grants

**SOAR Grant:** Becca Ververs and Heather Mendonsa have been doing an amazing job setting up a wonderful program through the SOAR grant. Heather has been out to many of our schools and is working with students to get signed in to the [Alaska Career Information System](#) (AKCIS). AKCIS is a wonderful resource to support students as they get ready for post-secondary options and house their Personal Learning and Career Plans. **(Goal 1)**

In addition, [ZSpace](#) modules have been ordered for the partner districts. Once they arrive, Heather and Becca will support SISD staff in learning how to use the AR/VR modules to support Career and Technical Education exploration. **(Goal 1)**

**THRIVE/SUCCEED Update:** We hosted a one day WebMasters event on January 20th at the VoTech Center in Klawock. WebMasters are youth who have been to multiple PHlight Club events. The idea is that with a smaller group we are able to dig more deeply into concepts. At this event, hosted by Amanda Blankenship, Dante' Huffine, and I, we dove deeper into neuroscience and Webs of Support. **(Goal 1, 2 & 3)**

**REWARD Update:** On April 8 & 9 students from SISD and Klawock will be offered the option of traveling to Juneau for a modified PHlight Club that focuses on Tlingit and Haida native ways of knowing and building Webs of Support. More information will be coming to eligible students soon. **(Goal 1, 2, and 4)**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- POW PHlight Camps (elementary focus) - February 21, 22, and 23
- POW PHlight Club (middle school & high school focus) - May 5 and 6
- [Educator's Confluence](#) in Missoula, MT - June 14 and 15 - **We'd love to have some board members attend!**

## SISD Strategic Plan Goals

**Goal 1: Prepare Students for Post-Secondary Life**

**Goal 2:** Provide Sufficient/Effective Staff Support

**GOAL 3:** Increase Communication District and Community Wide

**Goal 4:** Increase Visibility to Share Lifestyle and Increase Enrollment