



# EAGLE PRIDE

*Constructing our Future*

## PRESENTATION

### District Culture Initiatives

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# THE BLUEPRINT

## Vision

The **vision** of DeSoto ISD is to inspire curiosity and consciousness, develop character, build courage and nurture compassion.

## Mission

The **mission** is to ensure students, without exception, learn and grow at their highest levels.



# THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN



01

## CCMR

The percentage of DeSoto ISD students who graduate college, career, and military ready will increase from 88% in May 2024 to 96% by May 2030

02

## Literacy

The percentage of DeSoto ISD students who perform at the meets level or above on the 3rd Grade STAAR Reading assessment, will increase from 33% in May 2025 to 48% by May 2030.

03

## Numeracy

The percentage of DeSoto ISD students who perform at the meets level or above in mathematics on the 3rd Grade STAAR Math assessment will increase from 29% in May 2025 to 42% by May 2030.

04

## Math

The percentage of 8th grade students achieving meets or higher on STAAR/EOC Math assessments will increase from 35% in May 2025 to 43% by Spring 2030

05

## Reading

The percentage of 8th grade students achieving meets or higher on the STAAR Reading assessment will increase from 45% in May 2025 to 56% by Spring 2030





## The “Big Three” Initiatives



**1. Character Counts - SEL**



**1. Safe & Civil Schools - PBIS**



**1. Zen Dens - RP**



## Stronger Connections Grant

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

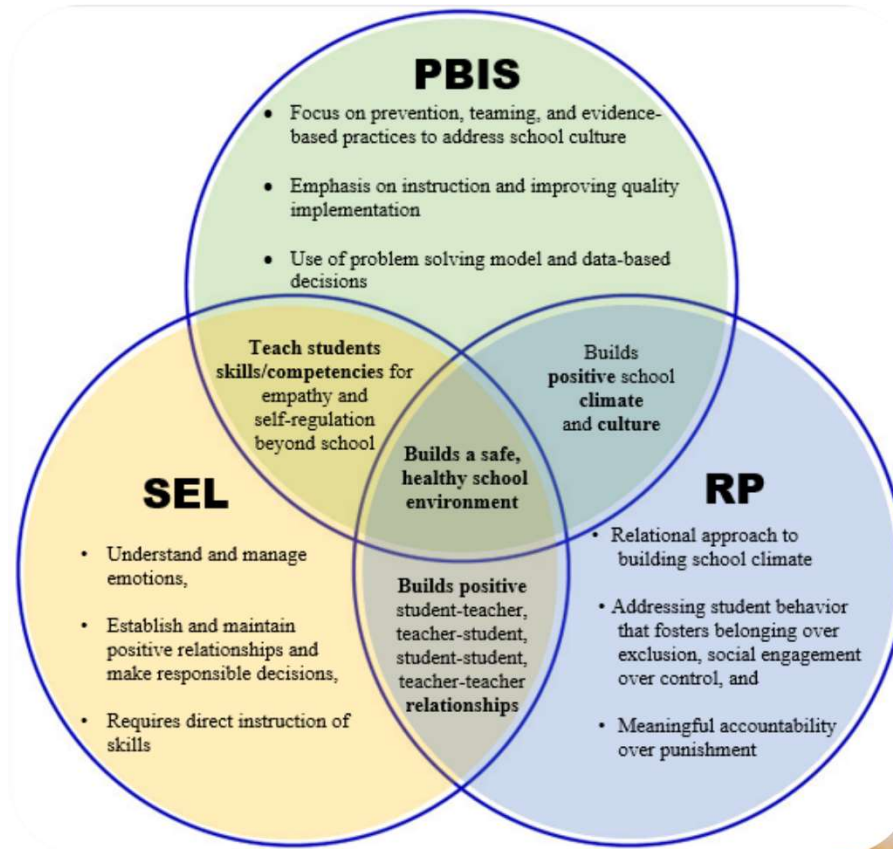


# TCSS

TEXAS CENTER *for* STUDENT SUPPORTS

- **Prevention**
  - RDP - Phases 1 & 2
  - SEL(Character Counts)/PBIS (Safe & Civil Schools)
  - Zen Dens
- **Intervention**
  - RDP - Phases 3 & 4
  - Campus Interventions
  - Attendance & Truancy Prevention
  - Zen Dens
  - Communities in School (DHS)
- **Postvention**
  - Discipline Management Process Update
  - Filing Truancy with courts





# Character Counts (SEL)



Early Childhood Kits  
Grades PK-2

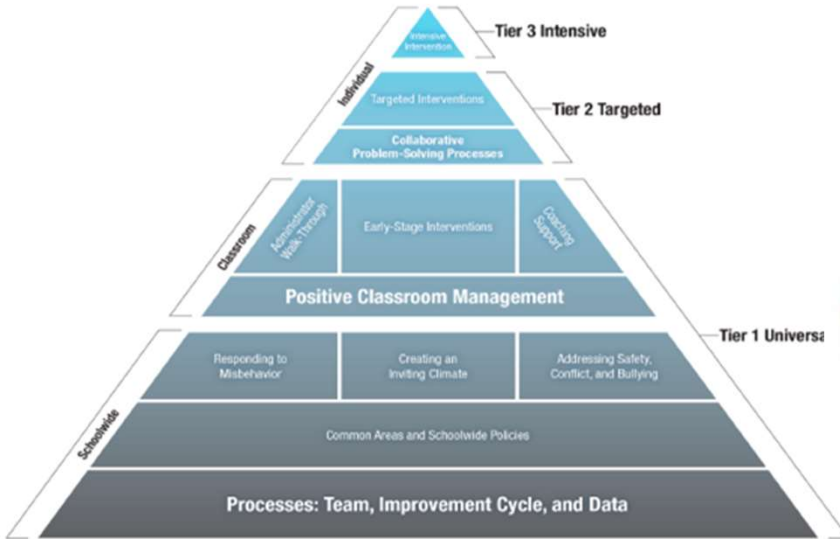


Way To Go Journals  
Grades 3-12

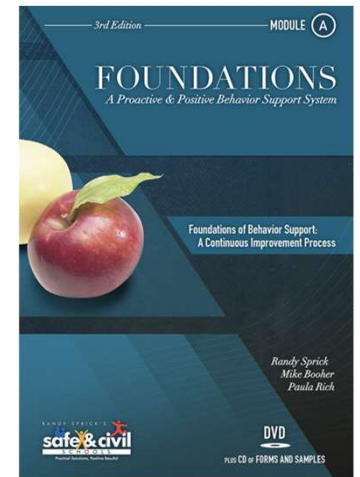




# Safe & Civil Schools: Foundations (PBIS)



RANDY SPRICK'S  
**safe&civil**  
SCHOOLS





# DeSoto ISD Zen Dens



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## DeSoto ISD adds 'Zen Dens' to each campus to support student, staff well-being

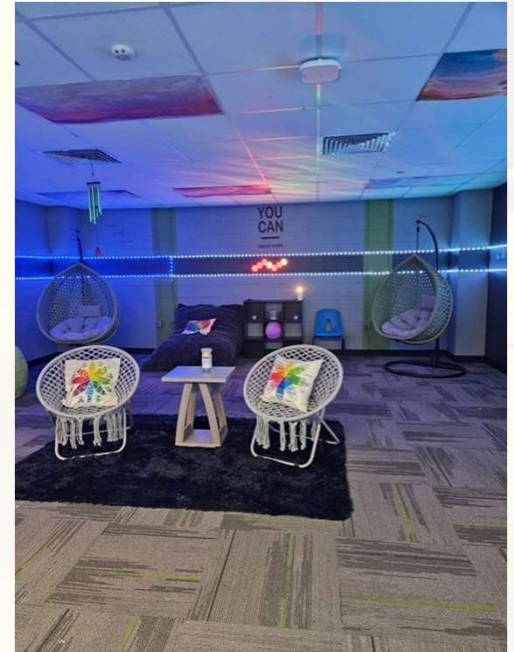
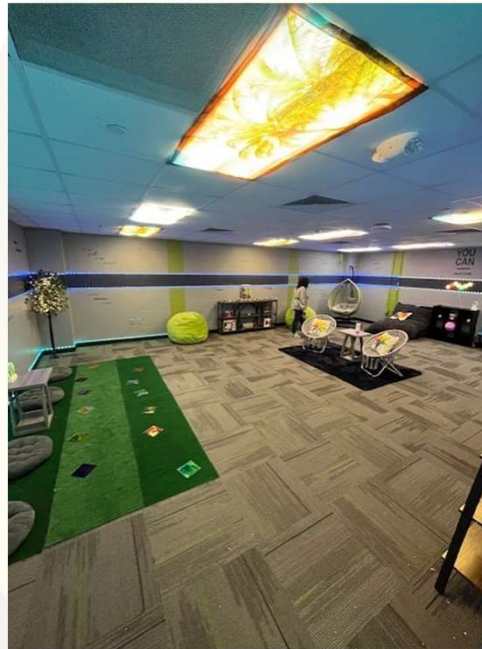
The district says these aren't just quiet rooms, but immersive, thoughtfully curated environments that honor the need for stillness and reflection.

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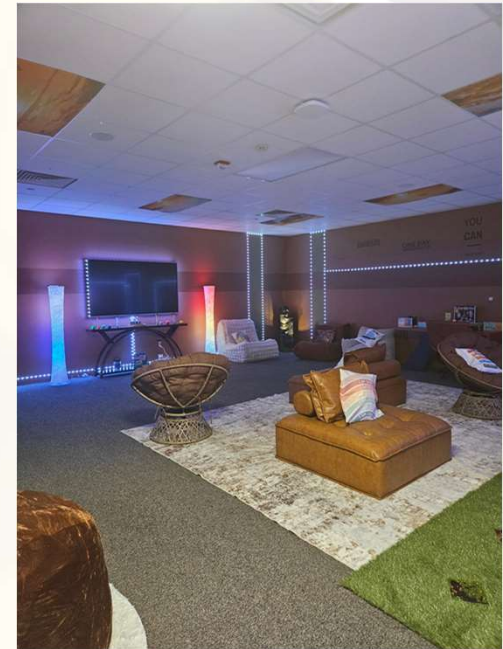
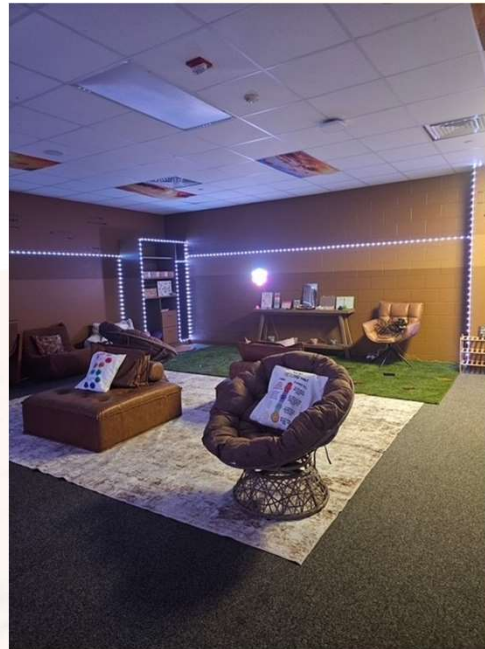
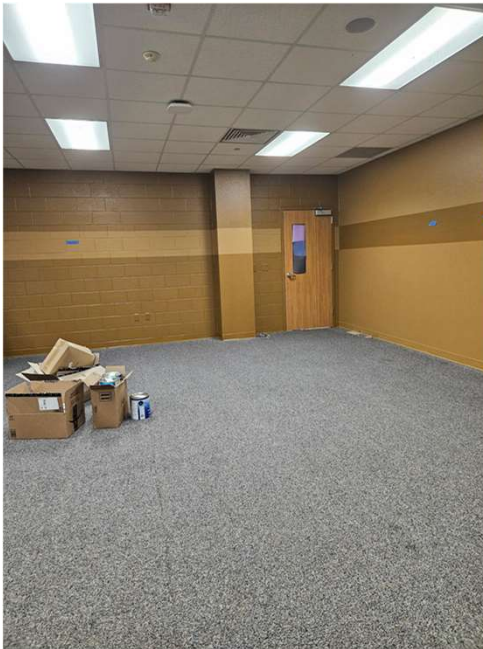


# DeSoto ISD Zen Dens - Before & After



DeSoto High School

# DeSoto ISD Zen Dens - Before & After



Curtistene McCowan Middle School  
Cockrell Hill Elementary



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Cockrell Hill Elementary







# THANK YOU

**“You can’t hide that  
Eagle P.R.I.D.E!”**