## Curriculum and Student Development Committee

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#### Wellness Curriculum Goals



- Attend to the social emotional needs of students by emphasizing and teaching skills for inclusion.
  - Sandy Hook Promise, Choose Love
- Ensure that there is cross-curricular connections in counseling, PE and Health with influence from experts in social emotional well-being, such as social workers and MYFS
- Allow for important support service staff to be involved in the lives of ALL students, not just all those that are identified. However, this will provide the ability to identify students who may be in need.

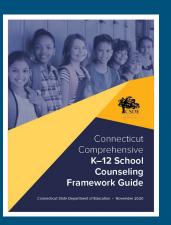
### **Healthy and Balanced Living Curriculum Framework**

### **Health Education and Physical Education**

### Wellness Curriculum Framework

#### Standards:

- Healthy and Balanced Living Curriculum Framework
  - Health
  - o PE
  - o CASEL
- CT School Counseling Standards



### Process and Progress

- Summer work: Professional Development and writing
- Utilize PD and conference days
- Work to ensure vertical alignment by combining teams
  - 4 8 SCSW
  - o K-8 SCSW
  - 4-8 PE
  - o 6 12 Health

### Wellness Curriculum

- June 2023 Adoption:
  - K 12 School Counseling and Social Work (SCSW)
  - o 6 8 Health
  - 2 Health classes at Hand (9/10 and 11/12)
  - 2 PE electives at Hand, June 2023
    - Changes to the Hand offerings
- June 2024 Adoption:
  - o K 8 Health and PE
  - 2 PE electives at Polson
  - 1 Health elective at Polson
  - 3 4 PE electives at Hand

High School PE and Health		
Grade 9	PE/Health .25/.25	
Grade 10	PE/Health .25/.25	
Grade 11	PE 11 or Self-Defense, Jr/Sr. Health	
Grade 12	Jr./Sr. Health	

Grade	P.E. Course Options	Health & Wellness Course Options	
9	Recreational Games Personal Fitness	Health I	
10	P.E. and Health 10		
11	PE 11	- Health II	
12	n/a		

# DHHS SCSW Curriculum Grade 9-10

#### **Grade 9: Navigating High School**

 Students will complete a self-awareness questionnaire & reflect on advice for their younger selves or incoming freshmen

#### Grade 10: Trusted Peeps & Community Resources

 Students will write a thank you note to a trusted adult in the building and it will be sent to that staff member

### DHHS SCSW Curriculum Grades 11-12

#### Grade 11: Future Planning

 Students will complete a junior reflection for counselors to use when writing their letters of recommendation.

#### Grade 12: Oh the Places You'll Go!

Seniors will have an exit interview with school counselors this year! We will
then have them complete a senior survey about future plans. They will also
write a "what I wish i knew" that will be shared with incoming freshmen

### What's New?

- Our social work staff will start to deliver 2-3 lessons per year, which has not been done in the past
- Our College & Career Counselor will work with all grade levels at least once throughout the year
- We will have workshops for juniors to attend (topics will be dependent on responses of survey sent in December)
- We will have a panel of current college students for seniors to attend
- We will use some advisory time moving forward with scripted topics for advisors as well as pulling from advisory time for counselor contact

### Advisory Development

- PAW overhaul
- Built on student/staff desire
  - Surveys
- Researched programs, literature, other schools
- Our approach aims to be responsive to feedback
- PD front loaded for 1st year goal of relationship building

### Advisory Vision and Goals

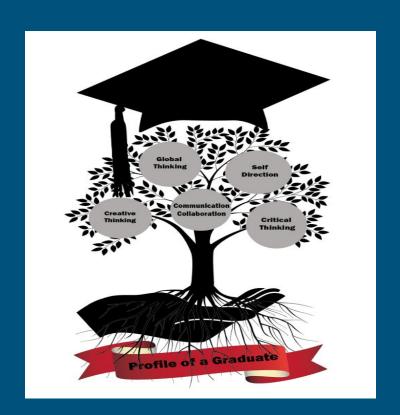
#### **DHHS Vision for Advisory**

Social and emotional learning is essential for student success in the classroom and beyond. Advisory develops trusting relationships among students and staff, and supports students with meaningful, immersive activities related to social growth and mental health. Advisory is student-directed and student-driven.

#### Goals

- Facilitate the development of strong, trusting relationships.
- Foster collaboration and mutual support within the classroom and beyond.
- Develop students' social and emotional skills.
- Promote student growth in the areas of responsible decision-making, managing emotions, cooperatively resolving conflict, and overcoming adversity.
- Offer leadership opportunities for interested students

### Alignment and Community Commitment





#### **DHHS Goals & Priorities - SCHOOL CLIMATE**

DHHS School
Goals
&
<b>Priorities</b>

- Work with all stakeholders to provide a safe, positive, respectful, and inclusive culture that ensures students and staff feel supported.
- To provide a physically and emotionally safe learning environment for all members of the Daniel Hand school community.
- To support student leadership and increase opportunities to include diverse student voices.
- To build equity, agency, and opportunity for all students to actively participate in their education.

#### Content Area

All

#### **Target Population**

**School Community** 

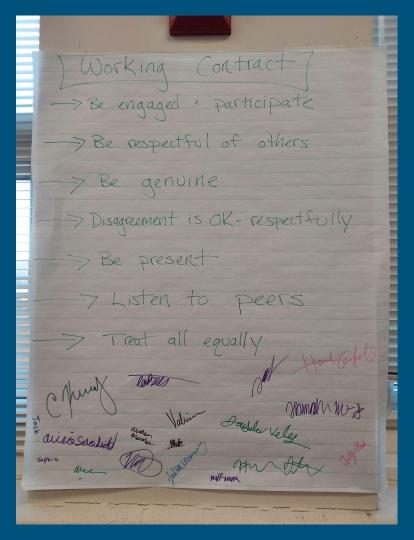
#### Grade(s)

9-12

### Alignment and Community Commitment

### Advisory Roll-Out 2022-2023

- 20 minute weekly meetings complimenting Wellness
- 52 grade-level groups
- A focus on relationship building and future leadership development
- Training student leaders in conjunction with MYFS and the team-building staff at Camp Hazen
- Faculty and student committees contribute to the development of weekly activities
- Regular meetings with MYFS staff/clinical consultant
- Feedback collected via Google surveys
- Initial feedback has been positive



# BUGS

WISHES

- -Far lockers (not enough)
- -restrictive lunch tables
- uncomfy turniture
- People stopping in halls
- Paper towels aren't in Br
- -noth working sinks
- people skipping classin Br -
- -feb break \*\*\*
- -longer breaks (too short)
- lunch yourn not open after school long enough

- Halking when other teachers talk
- Phones in Br

- longer passing periods ~2 min
- add tables with chairs
- -new Seating
- place to converse
- -put paper towels back - Gym isnt open in wellnest allow students in gym
  - -fix sinks
  - -add feb break back
  - -extent breaks ~ 2-5 days
  - staff lunchroom for longer
- P.E. is too short allow students to choose PE courses.
   more hands on electives create more choices

  - -have students be quiet
  - -Ne phones in the Br

# Cup Challenge Demonstration





### Advisory in the Big Picture



- Develop activities that are differentiated by grade-level to address all of CASEL's SEL domains
- Develor activities addressing pertinent topics, specific to our community
- Have Advisory become not just student-driven, but as student run as possible
- Bring in appropriate expert speakers from the community to address SEL topics
- Continue to work with the DHHS
   Counseling Department to compliment their efforts
- Extend advisory to lower grades (future)