K-12 Student Services

BOE/Administrative Cabinet Presentation November 17, 2025

Student Services Department Overview

Department member breakdown (by grade level):

- K-4 (Heritage, Prairie, Arboretum)
 - School Counselor, School Psychologist, School Social Worker at each building
 - Arboretum Social Worker add'l duties (4K, Birth-to-3, etc.)
- 5-8 (Intermediate, Middle)
 - 2 School Counselors, 2 School Psychologists, 2 School Social Workers
- 9-12 (High School)
 - 4 School Counselors, 2 School Psychologists, 2.5 School Social Workers
- School Nurses
 - 2.5 District-Wide
- McKinney Vento Social Worker
 - o 0.5 District-Wide



Student Services Department Goal

By the end of the 2026-2027 school year, the Student Services department will help lower the percentage of K-12 students who are **chronically absent** (missing 10% or more of school days) from **13.2**% (2024-2025 school year) to **10**% or less.

K-4 (Heritage, Prairie, Arboretum)

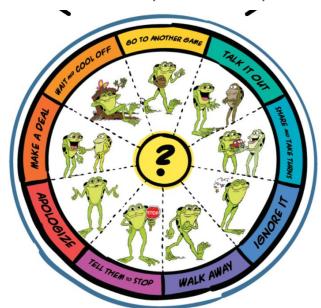
Counselor Educator Advocate Supporting the Whole Child

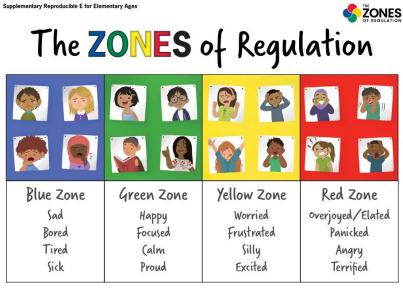
School Counselors:

- Promote equity, access, and academic success for every student
- Teach classroom lessons (descriptions/curriculum topics found <u>here</u>)
- Support additional Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 SEL systems
- Individual short-term counseling/skill building with students as needed

K-4 (Heritage, Prairie, Arboretum)

School Counselors (continued):





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K-4 (Heritage, Prairie, Arboretum)

School Social Workers:

- Crucial link between home/school/community
 - Making community based referrals (student/family)
 - Meeting student SEL needs through collaboration w/ staff/direct work
 - Fostering positive relationships with staff, families and the community
- Creating a safe and welcoming environment through commitment to DEI
 - Participating in district committees
 - Facilitating professional development for staff
 - Advocating for equitable and inclusive school communities



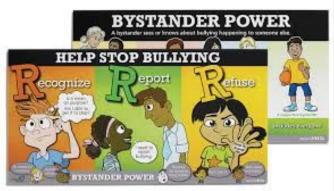


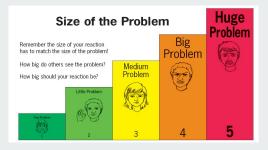
5-6 (Intermediate) - Direct Student Services

- Instruction
 - Classroom Guidance
 - All school Assemblies
 - Connect Time
 - Student Ambassadors
 - Social Emotional Learning Small Groups
- Counseling
 - Small Groups
 - Individual Counseling
- Student Social Support
 - UPStairs Social
 - Safe Space



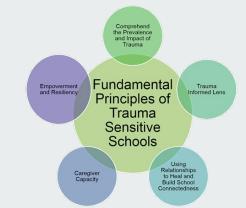






5-6 (Intermediate) - Indirect Student Services

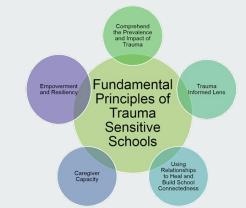
- Consultation and Referrals
 - Trauma Sensitive Schools Training
 - Tier 2 Intervention Committee and Liaison-Teacher meetings
 - Academic and Career Planning Committee
 - Family Referrals
 - Bal-A-Vis-X training
 - Mindfulness announcements and resources
 - Diversity Equity Inclusion Steering Committee
 - Building Bridges
 - Release of Information to obtain and disclose pertinent Information
 - Mobil Problem-Solving Team meetings
 - Social Emotional Learning Team
- Data Driven Practices
 - NextPath entries
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7-8 (Middle School)

School Counselors:



- Study Skills, Organization, Test Taking, Executive Functioning, Student Scheduling
- Teacher Meetings, Parent Meetings, Student Advocacy, Classroom Lessons
- Social/Emotional
 - Individual Counseling, Small Group Counseling, Classroom Lessons, New Student Transition
 - Universal Screener (7th), Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 Interventions and Supports
- Career/Post-Secondary
 - o Int. School/High School transition, Xello Career Website, Classroom Lessons
 - High School Planning Conferences, Elective Presentations, Clubs/Organizations
- Additional Duties
 - School/District Committees, Master Scheduling, Test Analysis, Attendance/Absenteeism



9-12 (High School)

School Counselors: Universal Services

- Course Registration & Scheduling
- Post-Secondary Planning
- Create & Build Master Schedule
- Mental Health Support
- Collaboration with STC Coordinator to promote work-based learning
- Quarterly transcript reviews for each student & ensure on track for graduation
- Collaboration with administration, case managers, and ELL student services staff
- Psychotherapy Center of Waunakee liaison for all grades
- Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 Supports
- Individual counseling
- Collaboration with families meetings w/ student & guardians
- Coordinate New Student Day



9-12 - School Counselor Scope and Sequence by Grade Level

9th Grade

- Freshman First Day
- Meet with all Freshmen
- BESS Screener (9th Grade)
- Future Freshman Night presentation
- Pre ACT Testing

10th Grade

- Individual conferences offered for all students and their parents from December through February
- Standardized testing offered (PSAT & Pre ACT)

11th Grade

- Junior Parent Night- post-secondary planning with guest speakers
- Madison College information sessions in building
- College Rep. Visits all year
- National ACT Test administered

12th Grade

- Summer college application help session
- Post-secondary planning breakout sessions
- College application support Contact Time sessions & Individual sessions
- Scholarship and Financial Aid presentation
- Madison College application sessions & course registration

K-12 School Psychologists

School Psychologists:

- 504 Plan evaluations and case management
- Special Education evaluations
- Universal Screener assessment and analysis
- Teacher consultation
- Tier 2 & 3 small groups (executive functioning, social skills, etc.)



K-12 School Social Workers

School Workers:

- Connecting to resources outside of school
- Mental Health support
- Accessing the Student Financial Assistance Fund
- Applying for Free/ Reduced Lunch





Families In Transition

- WCSD supported 44 students who experienced homelessness in 2024-25 through transportation, fee waivers, clothing, shoes, winter gear, gas cards, community resources, etc.
- School social workers provided district-wide training to all staff on identifying and supporting students experiencing homelessness or living in foster care.
- Information about youth homelessness and services available under the McKinney-Vento Act was shared with caretakers and community members through social media and school newsletters.
- In November, Homelessness Awareness Month is coordinated by Sara Zimmerman. Staff showed their support for homeless youth by wearing purple, and awareness was promoted through social media and staff/family newsletters.

Homelessness Awareness Month











K-12 School Nurses

Nursing and Health Services Provide:



- Coordinate care for students with chronic and acute health care needs
 - o Diabetes, seizures, allergies, asthma, g-tube feedings, colostomy bag care
- Provide staff/coach education and training of chronic/acute health conditions and how to administer emergency medications
- Administer daily, as needed, and emergency medications
- Vision/Hearing screenings
- Immunization management based upon WI School Immunization Laws
- Created and maintain Medical Response Teams in each building
- Case Manage 504 plans and provide input and expertise for health related IEPs



K-12 School Nurses

District Wide

2023-24/2024-25

Number of Office Visits	26,721 / 32,796
Number of students with emergency medications (epipens, inhalers, seizure medication, diabetic medication)	178 / 199
Number of daily medications administered	4968 / 8350
Number of students that received hearing screening	290 / 263
Number of students that received vision screening	1476 / 1465
Number of students who received on- site dental care at school	126 / 157

Student Financial Assistance Fund



What is SFAF?

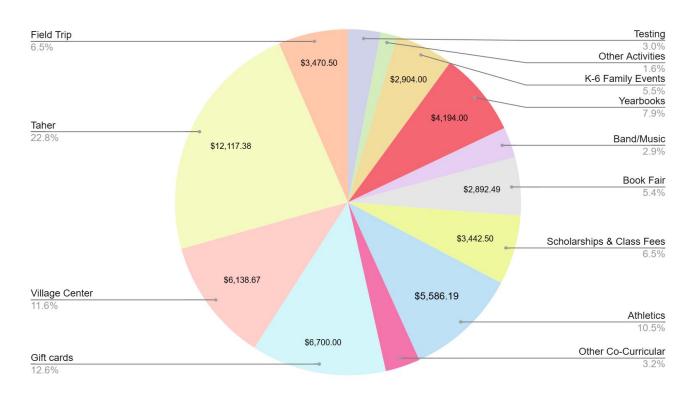
The Committee and Student Financial Assistance Fund is focused on Waunakee students who qualify for free and reduced lunch and families who are experiencing a financial crisis. The fund is made possible by donations from the Board of Education, community members, and local vendors.

Donations are used to fund need-based scholarships for activities such as:

- Food Service assistance
- School-sponsored activities and field trips
- Sports, activity, co-curricular club, and booster fees
- Memory Books/Yearbooks
- Course and AP exam fees
- Field and class trips
- Class and school t-shirts
- Scholarships for graduating seniors
- Gift cards (Walmart, Amazon, and Kwik Trip) for basic needs
- Partnership with the Waunakee Village Center to provide scholarships for students to participate in Village Center activities



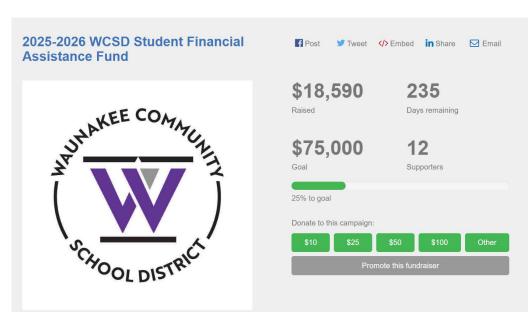
2023-24 Fiscal Year Spending by Category





Giving Tuesday Campaign & Funding

- Will share a message with families, staff, and vendors where we provided information about what we've done so far with SFAF and how we continue to grow
- Restart our fundraising goal each school year
- BOE donates \$5,000 annually



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