

# THRIVE Grant, Testing, and Counseling

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## Counseling

Lots going on with scheduling and curriculum!! It has been a bummer to have our students out of our buildings these last few weeks and I look forward to them being back in person next week!

## Testing

We have almost completed our PEAKS testing. A huge thank you to all staff that worked together to provide the best testing environment possible for our students. Score reports will be available this summer and will be distributed to schools and parents when school resumes in the fall.

Our spring MAP testing window is currently open. We have extended the window by one week to compensate for the time lost due to our students not being in school in person.

This is my last report at the SISD District Testing Coordinator (DTC). I started at the DTC during the 2007-2008 school year. We have been through many different testing protocols in this time! As a new DTC starts next year, I will be very available to support them. It has been my pleasure to represent SISD at the state level over the years.

## THRIVE Grant

The THRIVE grant Annual Performance Report was submitted on April 28th. We have one more year with this grant. It has offered many great opportunities to our staff and students.

### NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SISD

SISD had partnered with Tlingit and Haida (Juneau) and the Klawock School District on the submission of two new Alaska Native Education Program grants.

If awarded, Tlingit and Haida's grant will support the continuation of activities like the ones we currently offer through the ASTRIDE (Tlingit and Haida), SELECT (Klawock City School District) and THRIVE (SISD).

If awarded, the Klawock City School District grant will provide Career and Technical Education (CTE) opportunities for our students. In partnership with Klawock SD, Craig SD, Brightways Learning, and the POW VoTech Center, a CDL Simulator and various virtual CTE resources will be available.

These grants require a lot of work to get ready for submission. John Beardsley (grant writer and evaluator), Tom Mills (grant writer and evaluator), Jim Holien (Klawock SD Superintendent), Kerrie Carl (Klawock SD Teacher), Sarah Dybdahl (Tlingit and Haida Cultural Heritage and Education Director), Renee Culp (Tlingit and Haida Navigators Program Coordinator), Jennifer Lutey (Brightways Learning Executive Director), and I spent many hours getting the applications ready for submission. If you have a connection with these people, who are supporting SISD and our students, please thank them. This is very exciting for POW! Keep your fingers crossed that we will be notified in October that both these grants have been funded.

### SUMMERTIME PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

I can't believe how excited I am to announce that, in partnership with Brightways Learning and through our grants on POW (ASTRIDE, SELECT and THRIVE) we are going to be offering in-person summer trainings!

Through our grants, SISD has the opportunity to send 10 participants to these trainings. It could be 10 to one of the offerings or it could be split between the two.

Both opportunities will be offered for recertification credit. Upon successful completion of the credit, participants can request reimbursement for the cost of the credit through our POW grants.

Below is the information for the two trainings:

**The Educators Confluence**, focused on educator resiliency and trauma-informed care on June 17-18 in Missoula, MT.

-This is for educators who can't make it to Alyeska, or who are in the lower 48 for summer, or if this trauma focused topic is of particular interest.

**Resilient Educators**, focused on educator resiliency on July 27-28 (planning meeting July 26 for Regional Leaders and KC team) in Girdwood, AK at Alyeska.

-This is for educators (ideally school teams of educators) who need a dose of resiliency support and strategies for success and want to collectively build webs of support schools for students and staff.

We would love to have school board participation at these trainings. If you are interested in attending, please let me know by the end of the day on May 19, 2021, and I can send you the registration information.