SERVING THE WHOLE STUDENT TO INCREASE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Foothills Education Charter High School Mountain Education Charter High School Coastal Plains Education Charter High School



And Now Your Feature Presentation:

- The Importance of Serving Students Outside the Classroom
- The Five Core Supports of Foothills, Mountain Ed., and Coastal Plains
- Digging Deeper into the Whole Student
- Conclusion

Why is it **Important** to Serve **Students Outside the** Classroom?

- Promoting Student Well-Being Beyond Instruction:
 - Increases Student Health and Morale
 - Contributes to a Positive School Climate
- Students who are healthier and able to attend a safe and welcoming educational environment will have higher attendance rates.
- Research illustrates that student achievement increases the more students are in the classroom.
- Serving the whole student through student supports will also assist schools in legal compliance – sometimes with the aid of federal funding.

The Five Core Student Supports

COUNSELORS

GRADUATION COACHES

CAREER SPECIALISTS

SOCIAL WORKERS

TEAM COORDINATORS

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

- Direct the development of Student Services plans based on student needs
- Assist students and families with educational planning
- Prepare students for post-secondary options
- Provide counseling as needed for specific student concern
- School Counselors enable students to receive effective and efficient instruction while also preparing for life after high-school.
- The school counselor's ability to tailor a student's educational experience to his or her specific needs minimizes distraction and allows the student to focus on achievement and graduation.



School Counselors



Graduation Coaches

GRADUATION COACHES

- Monitor senior student academic progress and attendance
- Identify interventions to further student achievement
- Track progress towards graduation
- Develop strategies for drop out recovery
- Foster parent and community outreach programs
- Graduation Coaches provide "whatever it takes" to help students graduate
- The Graduation Coach's dedication to ensuring student success ensures that the school is prepared to meet a student's academic needs at all times.

CAREER SPECIALISTS

- Coordinate Bridge-Required Activities
- Coordinate College Credit Now Dual Enrollment Program
- Assist with Career Nights
- Assist with College Field Trips
- Assist Students and Families with Career Planning
- Career Specialists Bridge the Gap Between Secondary and Post-Secondary Experiences.
- The Career Specialist's Ability to Bring Post-Secondary Experiences into High School Motivates Students and Encourages them to Achieve and Graduate so They Can Take the Next Step.



Career Specialists



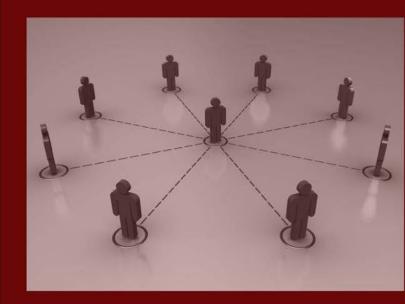
Social Workers

SOCIAL WORKERS

- Help Students Overcome Barriers to Attendance
- Help Students and Parents Cope and Overcome Financial Needs
- Provide Crises Counseling
- Conduct Home Visits to When Students or Families Cannot Attend School
- Connect Students and Families with Other
 Appropriate Agencies and Community Support to
 Meet Their Specific Needs
- Social Workers Assess Students in Crisis and Develop and Implement Specific Assistance to Overcome Obstacles Preventing Effective Instruction
- The Social Worker Resolves the Most Urgent Needs of a Student and Family to Enable the Student to Concentrate on Attendance and Achievement.

TEAM COORDINATORS

- Responsible for the overall administration of the Mentor Program
- Train Mentors
- Monitor mentor weekly activities with students
- Advise mentors concerning student contacts, parent contacts, student referrals
- Provide information for monthly Wellness Report
- Communicate program progress with Site Administrators on a regular basis



Team Coordinators

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT MENTORS

ALUMNI TRANSITION COORDINATOR

ALUMNI TRANSITION COUNSELORS

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Digging Deeper to Support the Whole Student



Individual Student Mentors

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT MENTORS

- Meet individually with students on a weekly basis
- Monitor student attendance
- Monitor student academic progress
- Develop nightly and weekly attendance goals
- Develop nightly and weekly academic goals
- Make referrals as necessary to address student needs

ALUMNI TRANSITION COORDINATOR

- Coordinate Alumni Transition Counselors
- Investigate and implement services to help
 Foothills students be successful after graduation
- Foster post-secondary options for students in our communities
- Analyze feedback from graduates to make program improvement recommendations



Alumni Transition Coordinator



Alumni Transition Counselors

ALUMNI TRANSITION COUNSELORS

- Meet with seniors individually and in groups to further develop academic, career, personal/social skills, goals and plans
- Use YouScience(aptitude/interest assessment)
 reports to inform goal setting and plans for post-secondary education, employment, career and life
- Facilitate having graduates return to Foothills sites to speak to student groups and speak at graduations

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Vet, organize and train staff on all Social Emotional Learning programs
- Work with Student Services staff to deliver Social Emotional Learning curriculum to students to best meet their needs
- Coordinate with Director of Prevention and Intervention to provide Wrap Around Services at all sites
- Develop Social Emotional Learning Curriculum based on CASEL framework



Director of Social and Emotional Learning



Suicide Prevention Program

SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

- Layered approach to suicide prevention
- Students participate in Signs of Suicide program
- Counselors and Social Workers are trained in ASIST (16 hour training)
- ALL other staff trained in safeTALK or suicideTALK
- This is an attempt to encourage open conversation about suicide among students and staff.

Conclusion

- The Goal of Every School is to Ensure All Students Receive a High-Quality Education.
- This Often Requires Extending Beyond the Classroom to Serve the Student.
- In Addition to Core Support Services, Such as Counselors, Graduation Coaches, and Social Workers, Schools Should Contemplate Additional Supports to Meet the Specific Needs of Their Student Body.
- Serving Students Outside the Classroom Will Ultimately Increase Attendance, Student Achievement, and Legal Compliance.





