

# Student Support Teams



## EDEN PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL

Inspiring each student every day

2020-2021

### PURPOSE

People in different roles partner together in support of your student. Each child is matched with an associate principal, counselor, and dean. In collaboration with our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) Facilitator/School Psychologist, these three roles meet regularly to discuss student grade data, attendance and any matters around behavior. Our social workers are consulted as needed.

### ASSOCIATE PRINCIPALS

*Associate Principals oversee your teen's support team and can help connect you with the appropriate person(s) to best support them.*

- *Students with last names A-G: Victor Johnson*
- *Students with last names H-N: Clayton Ellis*
- *Students with last names O-Z: Meg Bennett*

### COUNSELORS

Counselors offer support to help each student's personal, social, career and/or academic progress. Students are matched with a counselor based on the student's last name:

#### Grades 9-12

- Anthea Amsler, Counselor (A-Br)
- Rachel Schmidt, Counselor (Bs-Fa)
- Jennifer Silverberg, Counselor (Fb-Ho)
- Lenny Moskowitz, Counselor (Hp-Le)
- Jeremy Miller, Counselor (Lf-Mon)
- Amanda Boztepe, Counselor (Moo-Raj)
- Lisa Quiring, Counselor (Rak-Sv)
- Robin Zydowsky, Counselor (Sw-Z)

Elizabeth McNamara is our College & Career Student Specialist who helps with all topics related to imagining college and career options, and developing proactive plans toward those. All students and families have access to the College & Career Center, now located inside the Counseling Office in Student Center East.

## **DEANS**

Deans support students with positive behavior and attendance toward their academic success.

- *Students with the last name A-G:* Sally Ratemo
- *Students with the last name H-N:* Justin Timm
- *Students with the last name O-Z:* Nate Beulah

## **SOCIAL WORKERS**

Social Workers at EPHS provide services to students to enhance their emotional well-being and improve their academic performance. Social Workers are often called on to help students, families, and teachers address problems such as truancy, social withdrawal, overaggressive behaviors, rebelliousness, and the effects of special physical, emotional, or economic problems. Social Workers help connect families with supportive resources in the community.

- Steve Banks
- Dru Taylor

## **DATA-BASED INSTRUCTION SITE COACH**

The Data-Based Instruction Site Coach leads data analysis and decision making systems to design and implement tiered levels of support to effectively meet the needs of each student.

- Kirsten Evavold

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

To reach an associate principal or dean please contact:

- Susan Nixon (A-Le) 952-975-8024
- Gail Gordon (LF-Z) 952-975-8019

To reach a counselor or social worker please contact:

- Julie Johnson (A-Le) 952-975-8021
- Martine Knothe (Lf-Z) 952-975-8030

## ACCESSING STUDENT SUPPORT IN A HYBRID MODEL

*We are so excited to welcome you back to school! Our appointments and offices may look different with new protocols due to COVID, we are working hard to ensure a safe environment for all students and staff. We are here for you, we are here to meet the needs of our students and families. To ensure safety with social distancing in our spaces, we are requiring students to have an appointment to access our student support services in both East (Counselors, Social Workers, College and Career Resource Center) and in South (Dean of Students).*

*To make this easier for students and families, we have set up an online appointment scheduling system called **Acuity**. Acuity Scheduler will provide a seamless and direct platform for scheduling an appointment with your counselor/social worker/dean. [Here is the link](#) to reach all student support staff and the link for a virtual meeting through Zoom; you'll also receive an email with the link for the Zoom meeting. If you are enrolled in Hybrid learning and are in the building, show confirmation/email to your teacher and come directly to Student Center East or South for your in-person appointment.*

*If you are experiencing an emergency/crisis (non-covid/non-health related) while in school, please see the protocol to access our Social Workers in East immediately.*

### COUNSELORS

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Anthea Amsler A-Br	Rachel Schmidt Bs-Fa	Jen Silverberg Fb-Ho
Lenny Moskowitz Hp-Le	Jeremy Miller Lf-Mon	Amanda Boztepe Moo-Raj
Lisa Quiring Rak-Sv	Robin Zydowsky Sw-Z	Lizzie McNamara CRC

If you are enrolled in Hybrid learning and are in the building, show confirmation/email to your teacher and come directly to Student Center East for your in-person appointment. Student Center East will have one ENTER door (on the North end by the CRC) and one EXIT door (on the South end of the Student Center East). Please watch for signage to assist you. While in our offices, please maintain social distancing with students and staff, keep your face covering on at all times, and use the sanitation station upon entering.

### SOCIAL WORKERS

Social Workers at EPHS provide services to students to enhance their emotional well-being and improve their academic performance. For example, students access social workers to discuss emotional instability, difficulty concentrating, family or peer concerns or conflicts, requesting additional information around community mental health resources, and basic needs supports i.e. Food/Shelter/clothing. If you are seeking support, contact us, we are here to help!

Social Workers additionally help connect families with supportive resources in the community. Families and students, please feel free to contact Julie Johnson (Student Last Name A-Le) 952-975-8021 or Martine Knothe (Student Last Name Lf-Z) 952-975-8030 to schedule an appointment. Students and families can also schedule an appointment directly using [Acuity](#). If you are enrolled in Hybrid learning and are in the building, show this confirmation/email to your teacher and come directly to Student Center East for your in-person appointment. If you schedule an appointment on a day you are not in the building, you will receive a link for a zoom meeting.

If you are in the building, and are seeking immediate support from a social worker. Please feel free to come directly to East for support. This may include acute emotional or behavioral distress that inhibits your ability to function in the classroom, thoughts of self-harm or concerns around the safety of others related to emotional needs.

## **COLLEGE RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)**

The same protocol as the counselors will be followed for appointments in the CRC. You will enter through the Student Center East entrance and exit through the CRC door to the hallway.

College Visits: All fall college visits will be held virtually. You can find out who is scheduled on your SCOIR homepage under 'Upcoming Visits & Office Hours'. To get the link to the meeting you need to register by clicking 'Count Me In'.

If you are online you must send a message to your teacher including the visit confirmation. You will be excused from that class for the duration of the visit. If you are at school, you may come to the CRC by showing your teacher the visit confirmation as your pass. If more students at school are registered than the CRC can accommodate, you will receive special instructions from Ms. McNamara.

## **DEAN OF STUDENTS**

Deans are here to support students with attendance and behavior. We want to make sure you are attending school regularly and developing positive relationships with your classmates, teachers and staff. We work to build problem-solving skills and repair harm when it happens.

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If you are enrolled in Hybrid learning and are in the building, show confirmation/email to your teacher and come directly to Student Center South for your in-person appointment.