



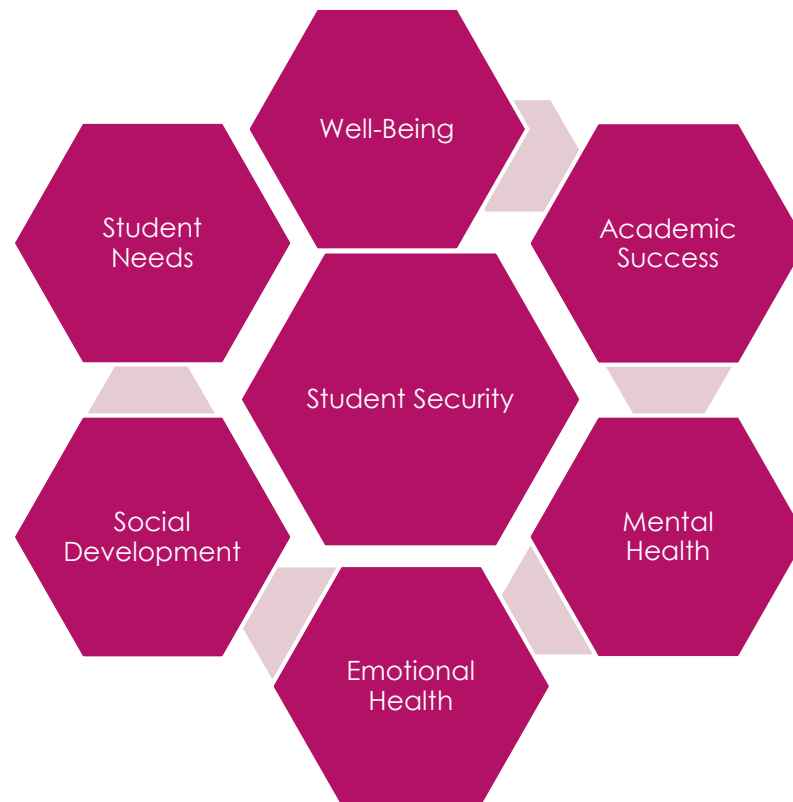
# Wildcat Talks

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

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# Student Safety & Well-Being

Student safety is critically important



# Influences on Violent Behaviors

- ▶ social media
- ▶ mental illness
- ▶ violent games/desensitization/fascination with weapons
- ▶ rejection
- ▶ the need to be recognized or famous
- ▶ bullying

# About Bullying

Texas Education Code defines bullying as: **A single significant act or a pattern of acts** by one or more students directed at another student that exploits an **imbalance of power** and involves engaging in **written or verbal expression**, expression through **electronic means**, or **physical conduct**

- ▶ physically harms a student,
- ▶ damages a student's property, or places a student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or of damage to the student's property;
- ▶ sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive
- ▶ creates an intimidating, threatening, or abusive educational environment
- ▶ disrupts the educational process or the orderly operation of a classroom or school, or infringes on the rights of the victim at school

The legal definition no longer includes the terms "**repeated behavior**"

# The Connection

- ▶ Bullying & Aggression
  - ▶ Anger, helplessness, revenge
- ▶ Retaliation
  - ▶ Target individuals or systems
- ▶ Social Isolation
  - ▶ Alienated, disconnected

# Distinctions

## Not all negative behavior is bullying

- ▶ Rude: Thoughtless and inconsiderate
- ▶ Mean: Intentional but may not be an imbalance of power
- ▶ Conflict: Difference of opinions

# Interventions- How Schools Support Students

- ▶ Bullying
  - ▶ Bullying prevention-reporting
  - ▶ Relationships
  - ▶ Skills
  - ▶ Social media usage
- ▶ Address mental health concerns
  - ▶ Anxiety related to violence
  - ▶ Communication
  - ▶ Safety measures
  - ▶ Emotions

# Interventions- How Parents Can Support Children

- ▶ Open Communication
- ▶ Just Listen
- ▶ Breathe
- ▶ Routines
- ▶ Social Connections
- ▶ Confidence
- ▶ Behaviors
- ▶ Seek Assistance
- ▶ Celebrate Positivity



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