

Sycamore Community Schools

Student Wellness and Success Funding Plan

At Sycamore Community Schools, we believe that we must address the needs of the total person, teaching the mind and the heart. Providing support to foster students' growth is an essential part of this goal. We believe in building meaningful relationships with each and every student and helping them take care of themselves mentally, physically, and emotionally.

Our Student Wellness and Success Funding Plan focuses on ensuring that students are prepared for the academic environment by establishing systems to ensure their mental health and social skill needs are addressed. The plan incorporates multiple agencies and diverse staffing roles in order to create a comprehensive support system for students. This multi-disciplinary team utilizes mental health professionals as well as educational staff to focus on a holistic approach to wellness that supports students in and out of the classroom.

Community Partnerships include:

- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC)
- Operation Give Back
- Sycamore Bridges
- 1N5
- City of Montgomery Police Department (SRO)
- Department of Job and Family Services

The district, in collaboration with our community partners, has identified the following strategies to support student wellness:

- Mental health staff from CCHMC located in all school buildings to provide therapeutic mental health services to students
- Dedicated Social Worker for the district
- School Counselors in all school buildings who support student wellness and advocate for students
- School Nurses in every building to support students' physical health

- Partnership with Sycamore Bridges to remove non-cognitive barriers for students and families
- Partnership with Operation Give Back to provide tutoring services and remove non-cognitive barriers for students and families
- Student Resources Officers to support students and provide proactive programming

For the 2024-25 School Year, the State of Ohio provided the district with \$166,664.15 in Student Wellness and Success Funds and \$28,258.23 in Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid. The funds were used to pay for the salary and benefits of our Social Worker as well as other services listed above. The Social Worker strategy directly impacts 150 students. This strategy coupled with the Student Wellness and Success Fund district plan is estimated to impact all students PK-12 across all of the district's buildings.