

An aerial photograph of Thurston Middle School campus. The school buildings are clustered in the center, featuring several circular structures. To the right is a large green sports field with a blue track. A parking lot with many cars is visible to the left. The school is situated on a hillside with green grass, overlooking a residential neighborhood and the ocean in the background. The text is overlaid in the upper left quadrant.

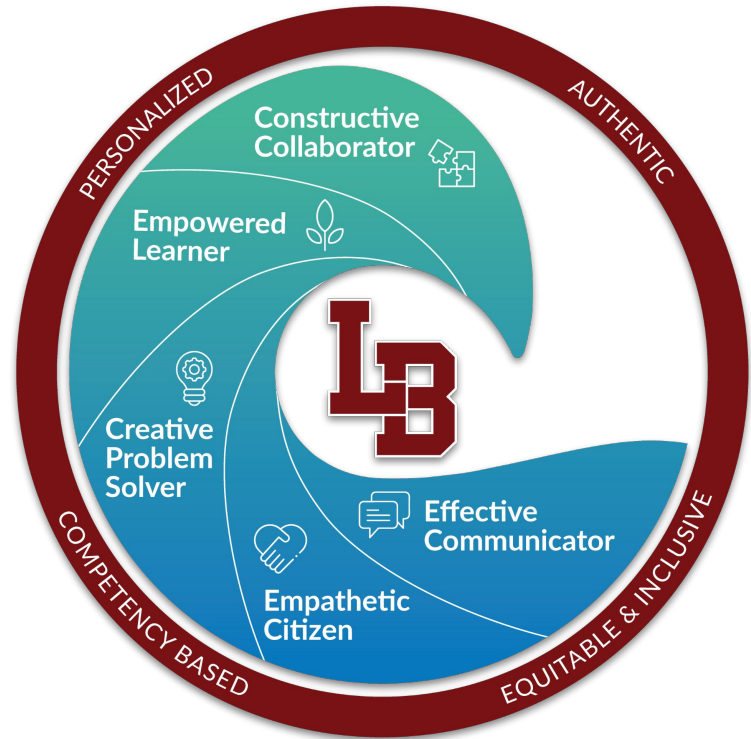
THURSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL
ANNUAL GOALS UPDATE TO THE BOARD
APRIL 16TH, 2026



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thurston Middle School

Learner Profile



GOAL 1

Develop **COLLEGE** and **CAREER READINESS SKILLS** through meaningful collaboration, creativity, communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, and stewardship.



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GOAL 1

Highlights

- Professional Learning Communities
- English Language Arts (ELA) and Math Interventions
- Responsive Tutorial Model



Goal Area 1: Multi-Year Comparison and EOY Goals

	ELA 24-25			ELA 25-26		
	Diag 1	Diag 2	EOY	Diag 1	Diag 2	EOY Goal
Tier I	62% <i>316 students</i>	71% ↑ <i>366 students</i>	77% ↑ <i>405 students</i>	61% <i>313 students</i>	70% ↑ <i>363 students</i>	80%
Tier II	24% <i>123 students</i>	18% ↓ <i>94 students</i>	15% ↓ <i>74 students</i>	23% <i>118 students</i>	19% ↓ <i>97 students</i>	15%
Tier III	14% <i>73 students</i>	11% ↓ <i>52 students</i>	8% ↓ <i>41 students</i>	16% <i>86 students</i>	11% ↓ <i>58 students</i>	5%
	Math 24-25			Math 25-26		
	Diag 1	Diag 2	EOY	Diag 1	Diag 2	EOY Goal
Tier I	55% <i>284 students</i>	66% ↑ <i>336 students</i>	80% ↑ <i>415 students</i>	54% <i>282 students</i>	64% ↑ <i>334 students</i>	80%
Tier II	33% <i>166 students</i>	26% ↓ <i>131 students</i>	15% ↓ <i>76 students</i>	34% <i>178 students</i>	28% ↓ <i>143 students</i>	15%
Tier III	12% <i>62 students</i>	8% ↓ <i>43 students</i>	5% ↓ <i>25 students</i>	12% <i>58 students</i>	8% ↓ <i>39 students</i>	5%

ELA Intervention Progress Tracking: Fall Semester 2025

ELA Intervention Classes



Total Students Served:
21



Average iReady Growth:
+1.56 years



Average Lexile Growth:
+190 points



Average Time in Intervention:
12.4 weeks

Students Served by Grade Level



Students Exited
Intervention:
10

6th Grade: 6

7th Grade: 5

8th Grade: 10

Math Intervention Progress Tracking: Fall Semester 2025

Math Intervention Classes



Total Students Served:

19



Average iReady Growth:

+1.54 years



Average Quantile Growth:

+147 points



Average Time in Intervention:

18 weeks



Students Exited
Intervention:

9

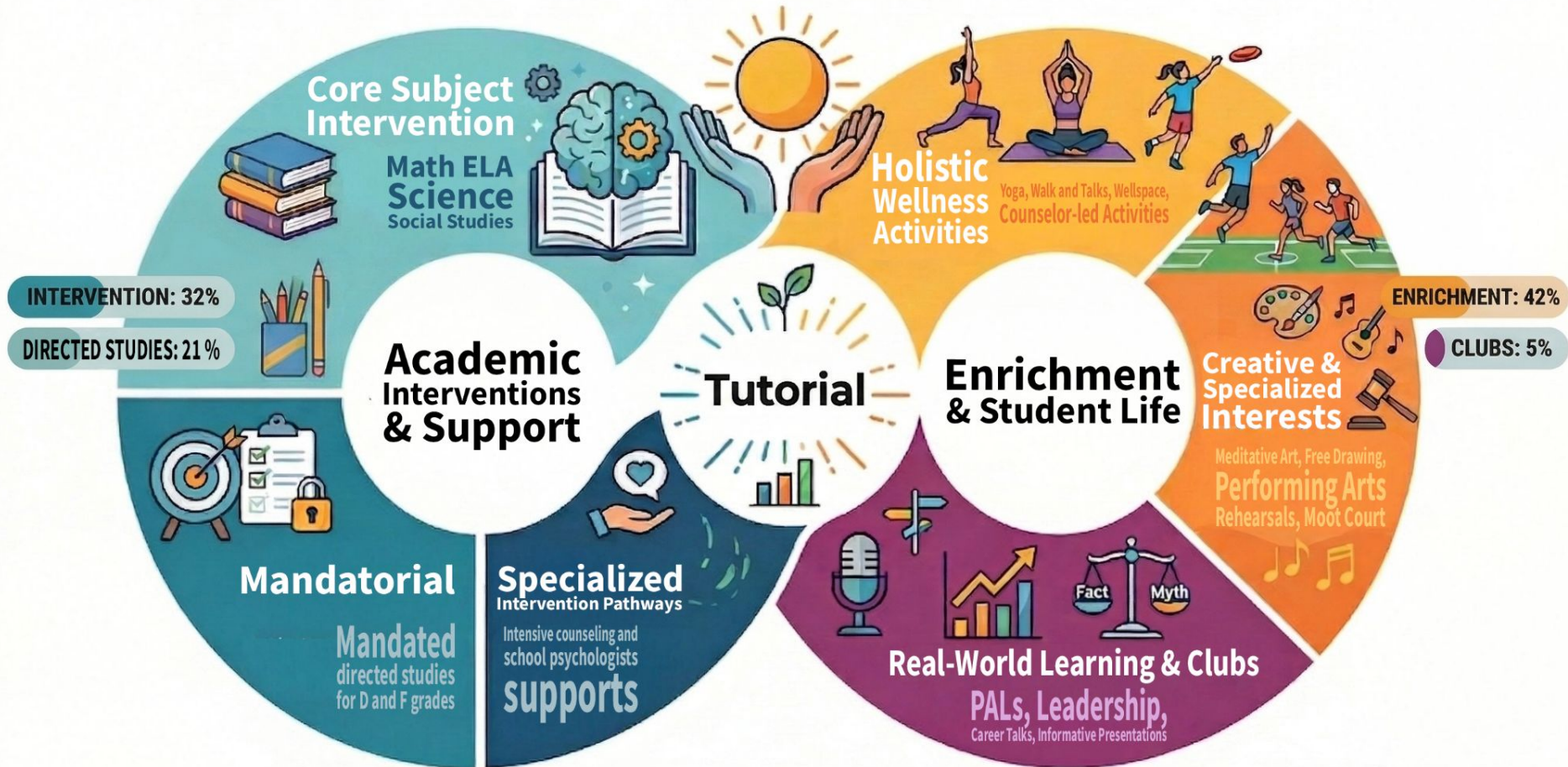
Students Served by Grade Level

6th Grade: 6

7th Grade: 6

8th Grade: 7

Tutorial Snapshot: Student Engagement & Academic Support



GOAL 2

Foster **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COMPETENCIES** and **SELF-IDENTITY** through student agency, engagement, resiliency, and positive relationships.



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GOAL 2

Highlights

- Tiered Counseling Supports
- Alternatives to Suspension
- The Cove - Wellness Space



SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM



Amanda Vander Veen

Counselor Last Names A-G



Andrew Fredriksz

Counselor Last Names H-O



Aubrey McMorris

Counselor Last Names P-Z

ACADEMIC Support & Success

Course Registration, Academic Interventions, Grade Counseling

COLLEGE/CAREER Planning

Career Education Lessons, Individual Strengths and Interest Exploration

SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL Support

Brief Individual Counseling, Crisis Support, Referral to Resources

Average Counselor Caseload - 1 : 177

DIRECT CONTACT HIGHLIGHTS

Small Group Contacts	425
Individual Student Counseling *with SSW	157
Tier 1 Counseling Classroom Lessons	106
Restorative Circle Mindful Moments	106
Social/Emotional Counseling	313
Academic Counseling	185
Restorative Conflict Mediations	96
Re-Entry Meetings	7
Student Success Panels	11
1:1 Student Conferences	478

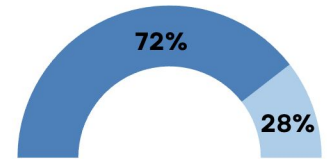
INDIRECT CONTACT HIGHLIGHTS

Meetings (SST, IEP, 504)	92
Attendance (SART/DART)	23/2
Teacher/Staff Consults	72
Parent Contacts	483
Parent Conference	18
Out of District Consults	27



Total Counselor Contacts

6,346



Direct Services
Indirect Services

SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

Our program is data driven, proactive and student & relationship centered.

1:1 COUNSELOR CONFERENCES

Grade Level and New to District
All Grades



INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

Counselor Check-ins
All Grades



CLASSROOM LESSONS

Academic Success, Social Emotional Strategies, College/Career Exploration, Mindful Moments
All Grades



GRADE COUNSELING

Individual Academic Support
All Grades



TUTORIALS

Academic Peer Mentoring, Counselor Connection, SEL
All Grades



ACADEMIC AND BEHAVIORAL SMALL GROUPS

SMARTS, DBT
All Grades



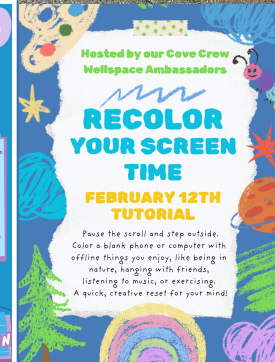
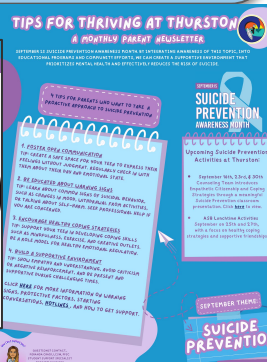
TMS WELLSPACE - THE COVE & SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

School Social Worker Support: **38** Referrals

Visits to *The Cove*: **30** Students / **57** Class visits | **80** Monthly (Break/Lunch)

TOP 3 REFERRALS: (1) Relationships,
(2) Emotional Regulation, & (3) Self-Management

IN ADDITION: The School Social Worker supports students through a comprehensive, multi-tiered system that includes **leading mindfulness and community circles** in classrooms, facilitating **targeted groups like DBT**, and **promoting student voice** through programs like the Cove Crew. They also provide **crisis support**, connect families to **outside resources**, and offer **monthly wellness lessons**.



GOAL 3

Ensure **SAFE, EQUITABLE**, and **INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS** through caring learning environments, targeted support, strategic planning, and community engagement.



Improving Chronic Absenteeism

Identified Need:

In 23-24, Thurston reduced Chronic Absenteeism from **11.2%** to **7.2%**, in 24-25, we reduced from **7.2%** to **6.6%**, and this year we have sustained chronic absenteeism at **6.5%** thus far.

Key Metrics

-  Over 275 Communications (phone calls, letters, emails)
-  Over 45 Collaborative Meetings and Attendance Contracts
-  DART (4)

TMS Attendance Chart 2025-2026



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2026 California Distinguished School

- Recognized as an **Achievement Gap Closer** for accelerating progress among historically underserved student groups **while maintaining high overall performance**, with outcomes exceeding state benchmarks.
- The California Department of Education identifies schools based on statewide performance data in the CA School Dashboard; schools do not apply.



An aerial photograph of a school campus situated on a lush green hillside. The campus features several large, interconnected buildings with grey roofs and a prominent blue and white checkered pattern on one of the larger structures. To the right of the main buildings is a large, well-maintained green sports field with a brown infield, likely a baseball or softball field. A parking lot filled with cars is visible to the left of the main building complex. In the background, the ocean stretches to the horizon under a clear sky, with a residential neighborhood visible on the hillside to the right.

Thank you.

Questions & Feedback