



Poughkeepsie City School District

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High Needs

Student Support Plan*

Lifting Student Success to New Heights

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*** Draft (Working Framework)**





Presentation Agenda

- A. Mission Statement
- B. High Needs Student Support Overview and Framework
 - A. Expanded Student Supports
 - B. Expanded Student Programming
 - C. Community Collaboration
 - D. Other
- C. Next Steps

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Poughkeepsie City School District Mission

“We are champions of children who inspire and nurture the whole child by providing innovative, high-quality educational opportunities that prepare all students to embark on individual paths of success in a globally diverse community.”

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High Needs Students Defined

- ❑ Students who present behavioral issues that may result in suspension
- ❑ Students with Attendance issues (At-Risk, Chronic, Severe)
- ❑ Students who are pregnant and/or parenting
- ❑ Students experiencing homelessness
- ❑ Students with Disabilities (SWD) whose disability significantly impedes their success in school
- ❑ Students who have been traumatized (i.e. victims of bullying, violence, domestic abuse, child abuse, sexual abuse, war, refugee camps, etc.)
- ❑ ELL students (New Americans) displaying adjustment issues
- ❑ Students experiencing mental illness/drug and alcohol dependency
- ❑ Students with medical, cognitive and/or behavior issues that may hinder academic success (Medically ill, 504 students, lead paint poisoning, etc.)
- ❑ Disconnected students with engagement issues (in school but not engaged academically)
- ❑ Students experiencing the combined consequences of abject poverty (homelessness, foster care, public assistance, over-aged and under-credited for their grade level, and/or combinations from list above)



High Needs Student Supports Overview

High Needs Student Supports is the Poughkeepsie City School District's framework for providing all students, particularly those displaying extraordinary needs, with supports, services, and programming needed to find success as students and future citizens. The goal is to provide a comprehensive network of coordinated programs and interventions which support the academic, social, behavioral, and emotional development of all students.

Objectives:

1. Strengthen the District's impact on positive youth development.
2. Align internal and external supports and resources to better meet the needs of students.
3. Develop strategies with community partners and students collaboratively to address student need.
4. Provide professional development/capacity building opportunities to staff, parents, students, and community partners.

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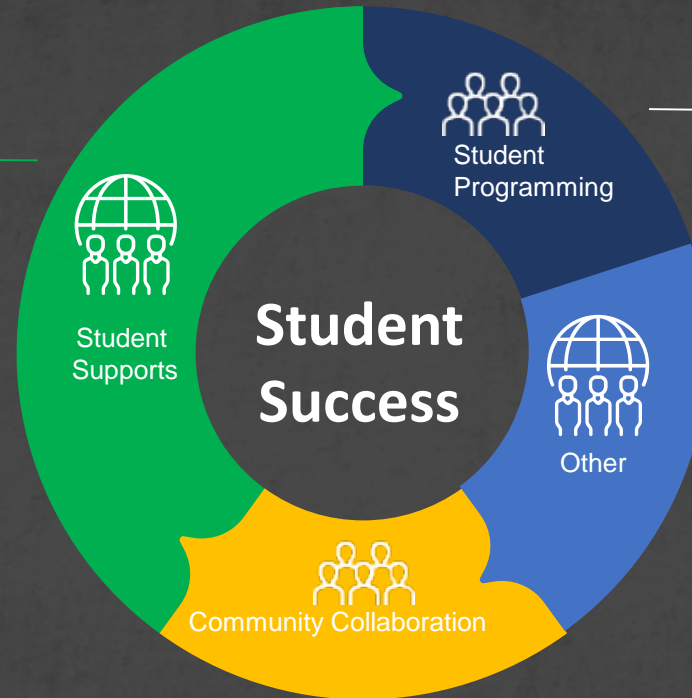
High Needs Student Support Framework

Expanded Student Supports (During Day)

- Enriched Social Emotional Supports
 - Two additional Crisis Intervention (PHS)
 - One additional Crisis Intervention (PMS)
 - Elementary School Counselor (Elementary)
 - School Engagement TOSA (District-wide)
 - Safety Monitor (Districtwide)
 - City Connects (PMS)

Community Collaboration (Before/After School/Saturday)

- Community Based Programming (RFP)
- Mental Health Services (RFP)
- Violence Prevention (RFP)



Expanded Student Programming (After School/Saturday)

- Enriched MBK 6 -12 Program
- Hip Hop Therapy Initiative (PHS)
- Expanded Sister to Sister Programming
- Expanded Multicultural Club Programming
- Expanded Art/Music/Theatre Programming

Other

- Student Resources
 - Online Social Emotional Supports
 - Bullying FAQs and others
- Staff Professional Development
 - Trauma Informed Care
 - Teaching with Love and Logic
 - De-Escalation Strategies
- Districtwide Supports
 - Wellness Committee Programming
 - Parent Empowerment Workshops



Next Steps

- ❑ Issue RFPs for community-based organization collaboration.
- ❑ Begin the process of expanding student supports for students (elementary, middle, high, district-wide).
- ❑ Reimagine the Poughkeepsie City School District's My Brother's Keeper Initiative to provide greater opportunity and access to young men of color.
- ❑ Develop and implement a framework for professional learning opportunities for parents, staff, students, and community partners.



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Questions and Answers

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