

St. Francis Episcopal School

St. Francis Episcopal School has been a member of the Center for School Behavioral Health Collaborative since 2016 and Head of Student Support Services Laurie Curtis has attended every school district learning community meeting since that time.

St. Francis educates boys and girls from Pre-Primary through 8th grade with a Primary school, a Lower school and a Middle school. St. Francis is excited to announce that they will be opening an Upper school for high school aged students in 2018.

With the cornerstones of Faith, Scholarship, Courage and Honor, St. Francis' mission is to challenge and motivate its students to be imaginative and critical thinkers and people for others.

To that end, St. Francis has implemented 18 out of 21 Center for School Behavioral Health Recommendations as of the 2016-2017 school year. All staff are trained annually in the signs and symptoms of mental illness and suicide and students and parents receive trainings twice a semester. These trainings include lessons on nutrition, a focus on healthy choices and on how high-risk behaviors can impact a young person's life.

St. Francis also partners with The Council on Recovery to implement the Choices program. St. Francis utilizes this partnership to ensure that their curriculum for social emotional learning stays current for both students and parents. Additionally, St. Francis has developed "Life Skills," an in-house program for teaching character education.

The Center for School Behavioral Health is proud to count St. Francis Episcopal School as one of its members. When asked how their involvement with the Center has impacted their approach to school behavioral health, Laurie Curtis had this to say;

"The Center has reinforced many of the beliefs that we hold regarding Social Emotional Learning. I have taken many of the best practices I have learned at these meetings and implemented them on our campuses. I know I keep coming back to meetings because of the valuable information I receive."

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