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2020-2021 Reset Plan

School Counseling

Huntsville City Schools





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Introduction

School Counseling plays an integral role in the overall well-being. The school counselors in Huntsville City Schools will continue to provide guidance and counseling services to students and families to meet their academic, social and emotional needs. We will adapt services as needed for Traditional and Virtual school settings. We will use the results of the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire to help determine student needs as they return from the prolonged time out of school and reacclimate to the school climate.

Counselors at all grade levels will provide large group guidance lessons to all students. Counselors will also be available to meet with students and families either in person, using appropriate social distancing measures, on the phone, or through a virtual platform.

Our Nova therapists, provided by Wellstone Behavioral Health, are available to meet with students either at their school or at the Wellstone office. Students in need of this additional mental health resource can contact their school counselor for more information.

The College Counselors will continue to provide college planning information to students and families. They communicate regularly with college admission representatives in order to stay current on the latest information from colleges. They will provide Parent Outreach sessions on a variety of topics to assist students and families as they navigate the college research and planning process. The sessions will be conducted in a virtual format, but the counselors are also available to meet individually with students and families. For additional college planning information, please visit their website: www.hcscollegecounselorinfo.weebly.com

Contact



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The Huntsville City Schools Counseling and Guidance Program follows The ASCA (American School Counselor Association) National Model: A Framework for School Counseling Programs and the Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance State Model for Alabama Public Schools.

For more information, please call:

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Framework for 2020-2021

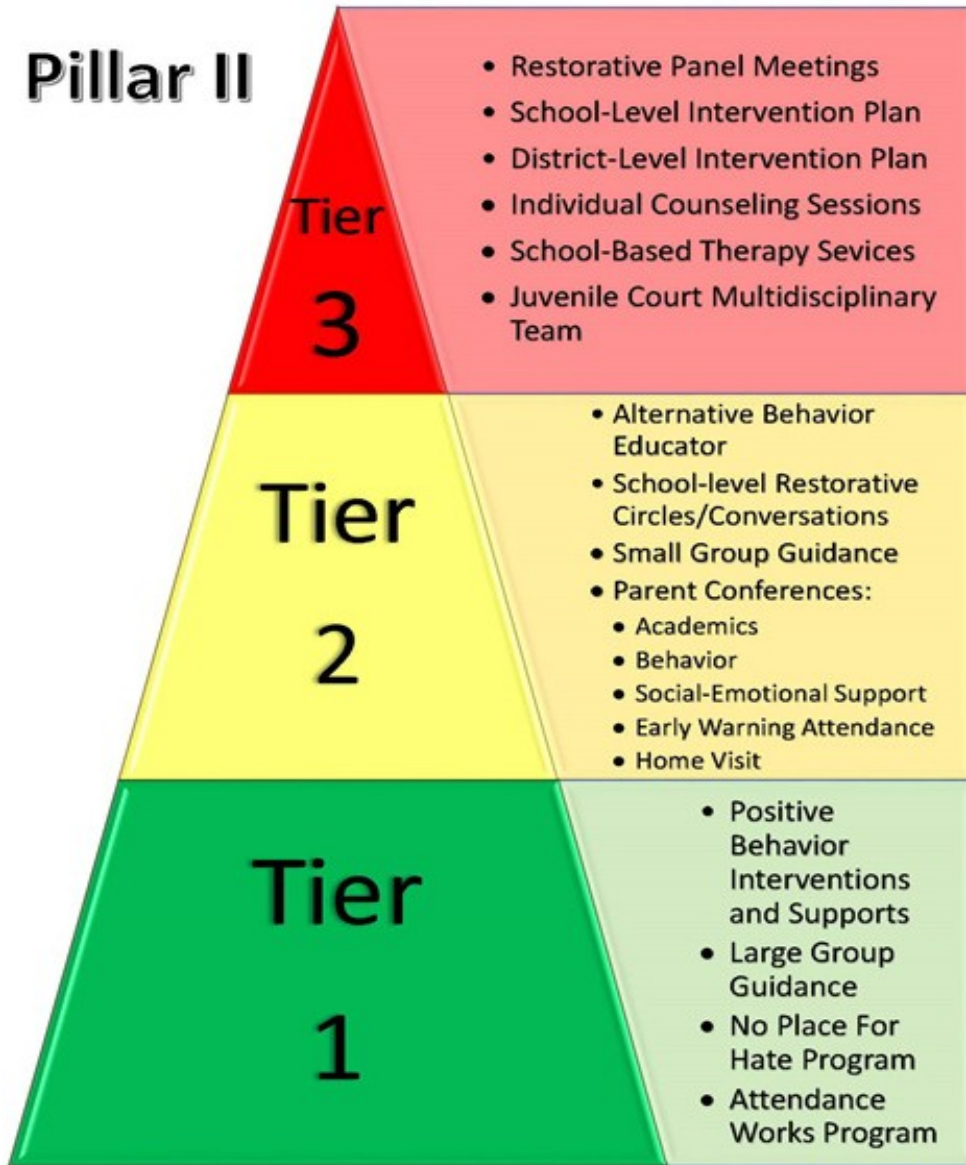
School Counseling	Traditional	Virtual
Guidance Lessons	Guidance lessons will be presented to students via a traditional classroom setting	Guidance lessons will be pre-recorded and shared with students in a virtual setting
College and Career Planning	<p>11th and 12th grade students will have the opportunity to attend a virtual college fair</p> <p>College representatives will offer virtual informational sessions to students</p> <p>College and Career Counselors will meet with students and parents in a face-to-face setting to assist with college and career planning</p> <p>All parent outreach sessions for college and career planning will be conducted virtually</p>	<p>11th and 12th grade students will have the opportunity to attend a virtual college fair</p> <p>College representatives will offer virtual informational sessions to students</p> <p>College and Career Counselors will meet with students and parents in a virtual setting to assist with college and career planning</p> <p>All parent outreach sessions for college and career planning will be conducted virtually</p>
Student Schedules	Counselors will support the development of student course schedules that reflect their traditional learning environment.	Counselors will support the development of student course schedules that reflect their virtual learning environment
Wellstone Behavioral Health School-based Therapy Services (Nova)	Nova therapists will provide school-based therapy services on-site	All school-based therapy services will be provided at the Wellstone office



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Tiered Learning Supports

Pillar II



Supports



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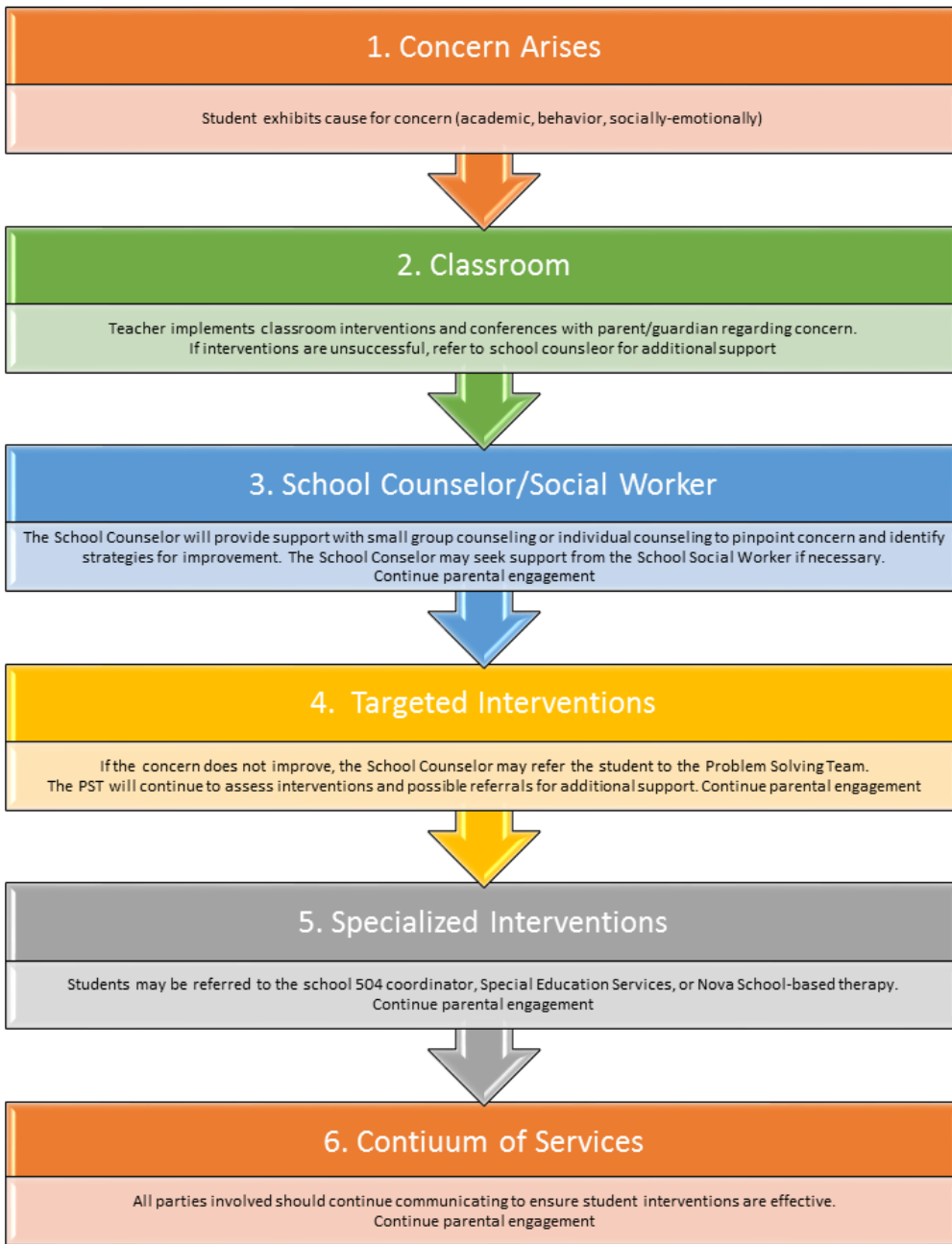
Each student is unique, capable of learning, and deserving of dignity and respect. HCS continually strives to meet the needs of the whole student by incorporating a variety of support systems and resources to foster a positive school climate.



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Student Intervention Process



Intervention



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Intervention is a measure or series of measures taken by school staff to address a student's unmet needs. The purpose of these measures is to remedy the cause of student's academic and behavioral issues.



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Resources:

2-1-1 Connect Alabama:

2-1-1 is an easily recognizable number that connects people in need to the appropriate community-based organizations and government agencies. Dialing 2-1-1 connects you to a trained operator 24/7 that has access to a multitude of services in our area. Some of the areas you can receive informational services on include: Mental Health and Health Resources, Basic Human Needs, Children, Youth and Family Services, as well as many other areas. You can also visit their website at www.211connectsalabama.org.

Huntsville City Schools Webpages:

School Counseling - We have a variety of resources on the HCS School Counseling website to help students and families cope amidst COVID-19. For more information, visit the webpage at www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/school-counseling.

Student Welfare and Social Services – Our Student Welfare and Social Services department works with students and families in need of services and resources. For a list of community services and community partners, visit the webpage at <https://www.huntsvillecityschools.org/departments/student-welfare-and-social-services>

Additional resources that may be helpful to students and families during this time:

Crisis Services of North Alabama – (256) 716-1000
Responding to individuals and families in crisis

National Children’s Advocacy Center – (256) 533-5437
Training, prevention and treatment services to fight child abuse and neglect

The Caring House – (256) 650-1212
Grief support for children

WellStone Behavioral Health – (256) 533-1970
Mental health services for all ages

Resources



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Community-based services can assist and support parents and guardians in their role as caregivers. Such services can take many different forms depending on the strengths and needs of the family, but their overarching goal is to help parents enhance skills and resolve problems to promote optimal child development.