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Support & Prevention Resources

Gilbert Public Schools believes that positive school environments that encourage social and emotional learning significantly impact the academic achievement and success of our students.

Elementary and secondary students are offered opportunities to participate in classes and schoolwide activities that focus on tobacco and substance abuse education, bullying prevention, life skills training, and other prevention-related activities.

The following is a list of several prevention programs implemented at Gilbert Public Schools, followed by a summary and links to websites with additional valuable information.

Providing comprehensive social-emotional learning support and mental health resources is vital to Gilbert Public Schools' prevention program. There are social workers and mental health counselors assigned to K-12, providing specialized services to students and their families, as well as a social worker assigned to the district's alternative junior/high school to work with students and their families. School social workers and mental health counselors bring specialized knowledge and skills to the District and are an integral part of the student services support teams. They are instrumental in supporting the District's mission for student success while collaborating with the home, school, and community to do so.

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Child Find

Gilbert Public Schools is responsible for locating, identifying, and evaluating all children with known or suspected disabilities who reside within our geographic boundaries to determine whether a need for special education and related services exists. This includes children attending private schools and home-schooled students. (Note: Charter schools are responsible for screening, evaluating, and providing services for students enrolled in their school.) To ensure that eligible children in both public and private schools are receiving the services to which they are entitled, we're requesting your assistance. If you know of a child (age 2 years 10 months and older) who has a disability or that you suspect may have a disability, refer that child's parent or guardian directly to Gilbert Public Schools by calling the District Special Education Office at 480-497-3474. Special Education staff will answer any questions or direct the call to appropriate personnel. All referrals are considered confidential. Please refer infants and toddlers to the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) at (888) 439-5609. We appreciate your support of the children in Gilbert Public Schools. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Actionable Mental Health Resources

1-800-662-HELP (4357) SAMHSA's National Helpline

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Dial 988 (<https://afsp.org/>)

Dial 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - **988** provides a connection to support for anyone experiencing a mental health-related crisis. It can be utilized for suicidal ideation, mental health crisis, substance-use crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress.

Online Treatment Locator (<https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>)

Online Treatment Locator: Find quality treatment options close to home using the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's (SAMHSA) confidential and anonymous online treatment locator.

Gilbert Community Wellness Resources

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This guide is a brief listing of some of the providers available in and near Gilbert which is intended to connect residents with community assets, provide information about resources to improve quality of life, and offer access to information for residents who need services (<https://www.gilbertaz.gov/residents/community-resources>). You are encouraged to research and determine the best provider for your family. Gilbert Public Schools accepts no liability for the content of these resources or the consequences of any actions taken based on the information provided. Other resources may be available at Maricopa County Health & Social Services (<https://www.maricopa.gov/>) and Find Help Phoenix (<https://www.findhelpphx.org/>).

Note: It's our goal to provide current and accurate information; however, businesses may have changed locations or contact information. Gilbert Public Schools does not endorse any provider nor evaluate the quality of service provided

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Food Assistance Resources and Contact Information

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Read more for Food Assistance Resources and Contact Information.

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The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act) (42 U.S.C. § 11431-11435) is federal legislation that ensures the educational rights and protections of children and youths experiencing homelessness. It requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschools, as provided to other children and youths. The McKinney-Vento Act defines LEAs as public school districts, direct-funded and locally funded charter schools, and county offices of education. The McKinney-Vento Act also authorizes the funding for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program.

It provides stability, access, and support for the academic success of homeless children and youth.

Helpful Links:

- ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOMELESS EDUCATION (HTTP://WWW.AZED.GOV/HOMELESS/)
- THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH (HTTPS://NAEHCY.ORG/)

Contact the Gilbert Public Schools Homeless Education Liaison at 480-545-2193 should you have any questions or need assistance.

McKinney-Vento Information

(https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1714000360/gilbertschoolsnet-McKinney-Vento_Homeless_Assistance.pdf)

McKinney-Vento Presentation

(https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1714000360/gilbertschoolsnet-McKinney-Vento_Presentation.pdf)

Public Notice for Parents, English Version PDF

(https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1741903403/gilbertschoolsnet-Public_Note_for_Parents.pdf)

Información Para Los Padres PDF

(<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1741903404/gilbertschoolsnet>)

The Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths PDF

(<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1741903403/gilbertschoolsnet>)

Signs of Suicide Program (SOS) (<https://sossignsofsuicide.org/user/login?destination=>)

As part of our commitment to prevention education, Gilbert Public Schools offers depression awareness and suicide prevention training as part of the SOS (Signs of Suicide) Prevention Program.

The program has proven to be successful at increasing help-seeking by students concerned about themselves or a friend and is the only school-based suicide prevention program listed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as an evidence-based program. It helps students and adults demystify the confusion around what constitutes normal development and what may be a potentially serious issue.

All of our campus Behavioral Health Team professionals (school social workers, psychologists, nurses, and counselors) in the district will support the facilitation of the curriculum.

Please review the resources listed below to learn more about the SOS program at each level. The elementary school presentation is provided for your information, and the link for the junior high and high school programs is listed below with the login information. The link will allow you to access valuable information about the presentations, as well as resources on the warning signs of suicide, anxiety, depression, and tips on how to talk to your children about mental health.

Additional Resources (<https://sossignsofsuicide.org/user/login?destination=>)

Suicide Helplines and Resources PDF

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Signs of Suicide Presentation PDF

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GPS Student Support & Prevention Programs

Suicide & Depression Prevention, Awareness, & Resources

GPS Student Support & Prevention: School Social Worker & Mental Health Counselor Directory

Behavioral Health Teams (BHT)

Behavioral Health Teams (BHT) consist of the Social Worker/Counselor, Nurse, and School Psychologist at each school site, in collaboration with building and district-level administrators. Students and/or families may be referred to Behavioral Health Teams in a variety of ways, whether through self-referral, Administrator/BHT referral, teacher referral, and family or community agency referral. It is a structured approach and process to identify students at risk for school violence and suicide/self-injury. Teams work in collaboration with families, behavioral health agencies, School Resource Officers and Fire Department personnel as appropriate.

Additional Resources

District Crisis Team

District Crisis Team - Gilbert Public Schools supports the short and long-term recovery of students, staff, and schools after a traumatic event. The District Crisis Team has priority during a crisis to provide safety and account for all students and return to learning.

Additional Resources

[Erika's Lighthouse - Secondary Prevention Programming \(7th-12th\)](#)

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Programming is focused on mental health awareness, and suicide prevention. The online platform provides skills based learning opportunities for students, staff and families with lessons and activities that support each student. Erika's Lighthouse is used as a supplement to our suicide prevention programming for students in grades 7-12.

Additional Resources

Gilbert Public Schools is a CHARACTER COUNTS! district (<http://www.charactercounts.org/>)

Gilbert Public Schools is a CHARACTER COUNTS! district, based on basic values called the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Read more about CC!

Additional Resources (<http://www.charactercounts.org/>)

Harmony Academy - Elementary Prevention Programming (PS-6th)

Harmony Academy is an evidence-based online platform that will be used as a supplement to our prevention programming with skill-based learning experiences for students in grades preschool through 6th grade.

This resource provides complementary resources for educators and families to promote comprehensive student support and engagement. Harmony Academy is already being used as a resource with some students receiving special education services.

Additional Resources

Parent University (<https://www.gilbertschools.net/families/parent-university>)

Parent University is a valuable resource offering learning opportunities for families to support their children's educational process.

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Teen Dating Abuse Prevention

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Gilbert Public Schools recognizes that teen dating violence is a complex public health and safety problem that requires a comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach to ensure that students and staff can learn and work in a safe and secure school climate.

As a result of the passage of Senate Bill 1308, information about teen dating abuse is a part of the health program for Gilbert Public Schools. The “Love Is Not Abuse” program has been recommended as the basis for the presentation by the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. It has been approved by the GPS Governing Board.

Instruction will be provided to 8th-grade students through identified classes. The school social workers will be responsible for presenting the instructional materials.

The presentation provides dating abuse information that will fulfill the requirements of this legislation by including the following:

- A definition of dating abuse
- The recognition of dating abuse warning signs
- The characteristics of healthy relationships
- Resources available to parents and students

Additional Resources

(<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1718744757/gilbertschoolsnet/g9lfy8naqqklkifwqbgmj/TDVPre>)



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