

Safety Week

August 26th
- August 30th

The goal of Safety Week is to provide the Indian Prairie School District students, staff, and community with information and tools used to support safety in the school environment.



Hill Middle School Student Services Department

Student Services Coordinator:
Traci Tutton - ext. 6206

School Counselors
Colleen Kelso - ext. 6208
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Social Worker
John Brom - ext. 6551
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Psychologist
Lisa Liace - ext. 8879

School Resource Officer
Ryan Martinez

There are many professionals available to help support students:

Student Services Coordinator - The student services coordinator oversees the Student Services Department and all special education services provided through the school.

School Counselor - School Counselors address all students' academic, career and social/emotional development needs through a comprehensive school counseling program that promotes and enhances student success.

Social Worker - School social workers bring to the school setting an understanding of the social/emotional development of children and the influence of family, community and cultural differences.

School Psychologist - School psychologists are trained in the areas of assessment, childhood development, behavioral management, individual and group counseling, mental health support, and consultation.

Occupational & Physical Therapists - OTs work with students who have an IEP and need support with visual motor, fine motor, self-care, and sensory processing. PTs support identified students with gross motor, functional mobility, and strength/endurance needs.

Speech-Language Services - SLPs work with students exhibiting a range of communication disorders.

School Resource Officer - SROs work in partnership with the schools to promote a safe school environment as an educator (i.e. guest lecturer), informal counselor/mentor, and law enforcement officer.

How does the Student Services Department support school safety?

- The Student Services Department works in conjunction with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to support the varying needs of students. From intervening with academic support(s) to crisis interventions, the team helps support students and fosters a safe school environment.

Curriculum Supports Second Step/SEL

- IPSD Middle Schools are using the [Second Step Program](#) to support students SEL (Social Emotional Learning) needs.

WHAT IS THE SECOND STEP MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM?

The research-based *Second Step* Middle School Program is a universal, classroom-based program designed to increase students' school success and decrease problem behaviors by promoting social-emotional competence. It helps early adolescent students cope with challenges, create positive relationships, and succeed both socially and academically. Lessons equip students with the mindsets, knowledge, and skills to handle strong emotions, make and follow through on good decisions, and create strong friendships while avoiding or de-escalating peer conflicts.

