

The Changing Student

September 2023



Pre-COVID

NYCOSS Survey, October 2017

But the most striking results from the Council's 2017 survey reveal growing concern about the needs of children and ability of schools to meet them. Most dramatically, the [percentage of superintendents identifying increasing student mental health-related services as a funding priority](#) rose from 35 percent in 2016, to 52 percent this year.

The survey yielded other signs of mounting concern among school district leaders about the needs of school children. For example, [capacity to help students with non-academic needs](#) was cited as a “significant problem” by 45 percent of superintendents, more than any other item.

NYCOSS Survey, February 2019

But our surveys reveal high levels of concern among superintendents about the problems children and their families are encountering in life away from school, and about how their needs can be met.

The most noted finding in our survey report a year ago was the surge in the number of superintendents identifying improving mental health services as a leading funding priority. The share of superintendents targeting those services as one of the top three funding priorities for their schools climbed from 35 percent in 2016 to 52 percent in 2017 and surpassed improving extra academic help as the most widely cited priority for the first time ever.

Improving student mental health services was again named as a priority by more superintendents than any other option in this year's survey. The share of superintendents doing so also climbed again, to 56 percent.

**Post
COVID**

Student Mental Health



Pediatricians, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists, Children's Hospitals Declare National Emergency for Children's Mental Health

The AAP, American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Children's Hospital Association recently declared a national state of emergency for child and adolescent mental health.

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Kids still struggle with school challenges like bullying, mental health, survey reveals

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HEALTH

'Our students are hurting': Youth mental health in Wisconsin

The number of K-12 students around the state who report feelings of anxiety, hopelessness and self harm is surging, leaving educators in search of more financial support to offer counseling and care.

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MENTAL HEALTH

Schools across the country say more students are asking for mental health services

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HEALTH

Teen girls are struggling with mental illness at record levels, with many 'persistently sad,' data reveals

STUDENTS UNDER STRESS

PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO:

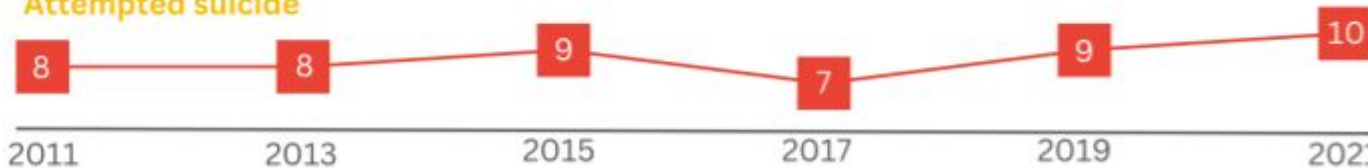
Experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness



Seriously considered attempting suicide



Attempted suicide

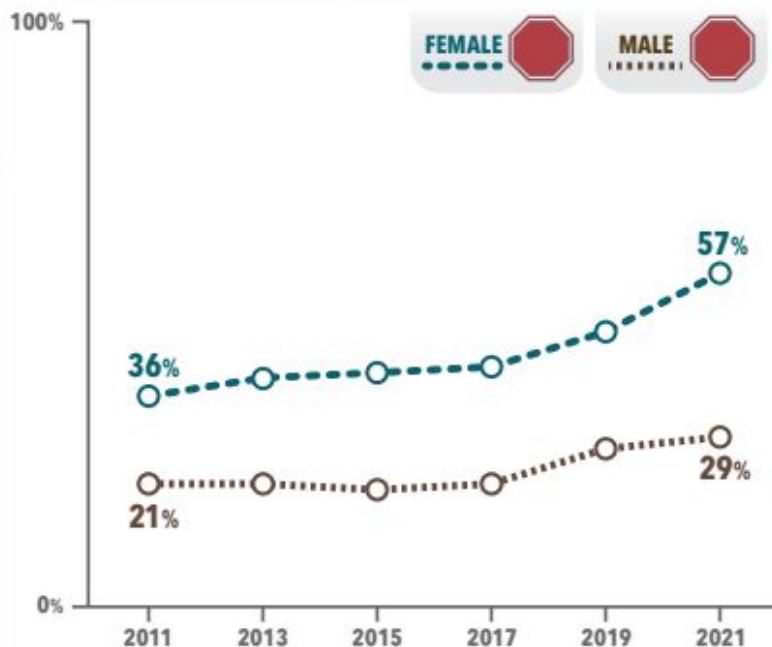


Trends in the Percentage of High School Students Who

Experienced Persistent Feelings of Sadness or Hopelessness during the Past Year, United States, YRBS, 2011-2021

10-Year Trend Description by Sex

The percentage of female and male students who experienced persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness increased from 2011 to 2021.



YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

DATA SUMMARY & TRENDS REPORT



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National Center for Youth, Oral Health, STD, and TB Prevention

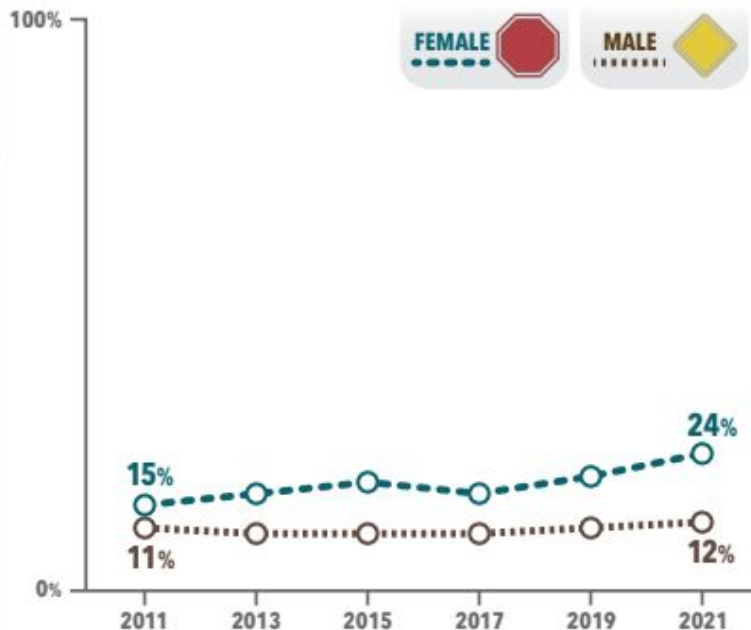
2011-2021

Trends in the Percentage of High School Students Who

Made a Suicide Plan during the Past Year, United States, YRBS, 2011-2021

10-Year Trend Description by Sex

The percentage of female students who made a suicide plan increased from 2011 to 2021. The percentage of male students who made a suicide plan did not change.



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2011-2021

Percentage of High School Students Who
Felt Close to People at School,
by Demographic Characteristics, United States, YRBS, 2021



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Healthy, Safe, and Thriving

2011-2021

Student Behavior (School)



A DIFFERENT KIND OF LEARNING LOSS

Student behavior at every grade level has changed over the last three years. Here's how educators have adjusted the way they teach.

Behavior vs. books: US students are rowdier than ever post-COVID. How's a teacher to teach?

THE NOT-SO-NORMAL YEAR

USA TODAY
Updated 8:37 AM EDT Jun. 15, 2023

EDUCATION

COVID-19 school closures leave lasting impact on kids

SAT scores play different role now for many colleges and universities

By Sally Persons · Fox News

Published May 9, 2023 7:42am EDT

STUDENT WELL-BEING Student Behavior Isn't Getting Any Better, Survey Shows

By Arianna Prothero — April 20, 2023 1 min read

From bad to worse: Student misbehavior rises further since return of in-person classes

BY LEXI LONAS - 05/01/23 6:00 AM ET

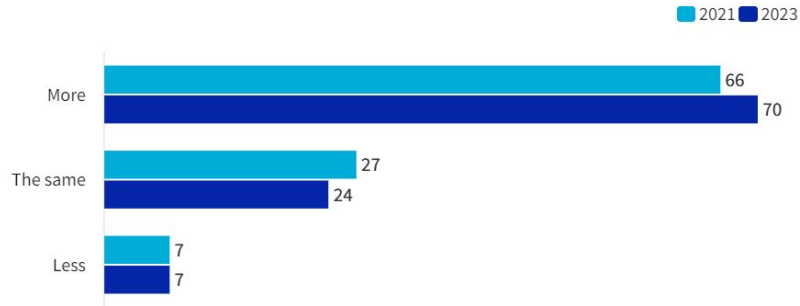
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SCHOOL CLIMATE & SAFETY FROM OUR RESEARCH CENTER Threats of Student Violence and Misbehavior Are Rising, Many School Leaders Report

By Holly Kurtz — January 12, 2022 3 min read

Student misbehavior has ticked up between 2021 and 2023

Compared to fall of 2019, students in my classroom, school, or district have been misbehaving:



SOURCE: EdWeek Research Center surveys, 2021, 2023

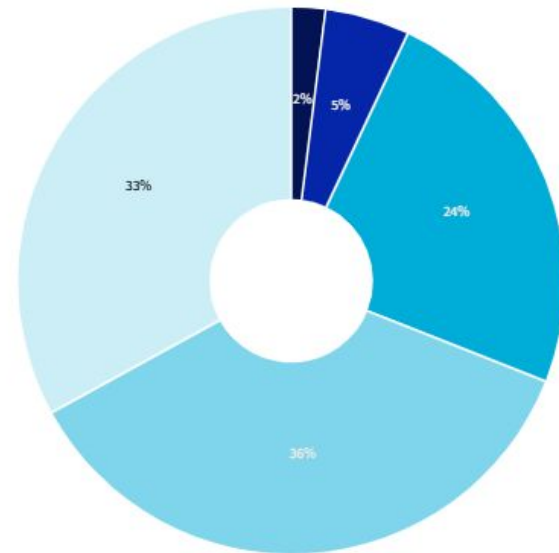


A Flourish chart

A third of educators say students have been misbehaving "a lot more" compared with before the pandemic

Compared to fall of 2019, students in my classroom, school, or district have been misbehaving:

- A lot less
- A little less
- About the same amount
- A little more
- A lot more



*Results show responses from teachers, principals, and district leaders

SOURCE: EdWeek Research Center survey, 2023



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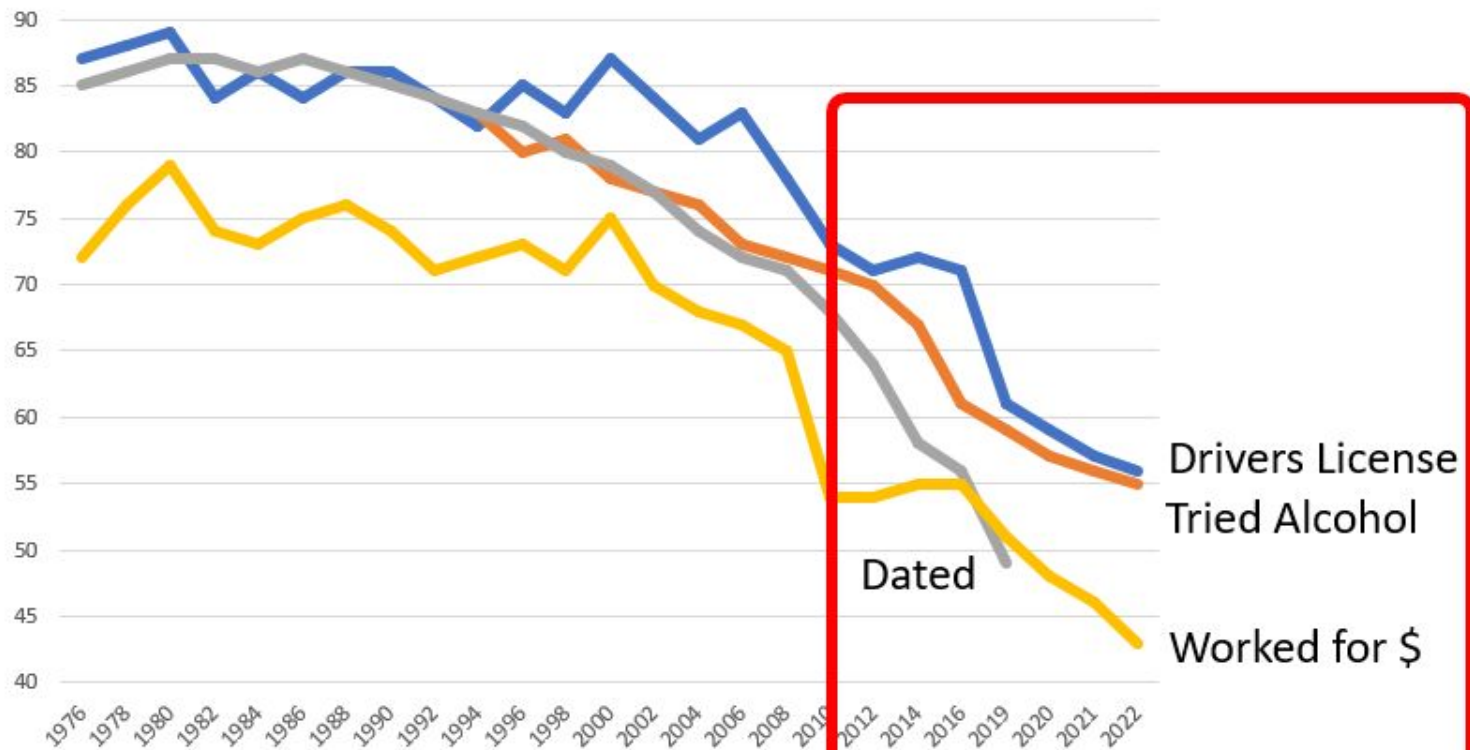
Algonquin	
School Year	# Referrals
2018-19	189
2022-23	453
% Change	140%

APHS	
School Year	# Referrals
2018-19	500
2022-23	1313
% Change	163%

Student Behavior (Outside of School)



Percentage of 12th Graders Who Have:



Source: Monitoring the Future Study (Twenge, 2019, 2022 fig 1.13)

Student Engagement



The Kids Are Not Alright: Student engagement is a major concern, survey finds

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Gradient Learning →
17 Jan, 2023, 09:00 ET

80% of educators are worried about

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students Aren't Rebounding From the Academic Effects of the Pandemic



By Sarah Schwartz — July 11, 2023 3 min read

EDSURGE PODCAST

Student Disengagement Has Soared Since the Pandemic. Here's What Lectures Look Like Now

By Jeffrey R. Young Dec 13, 2022



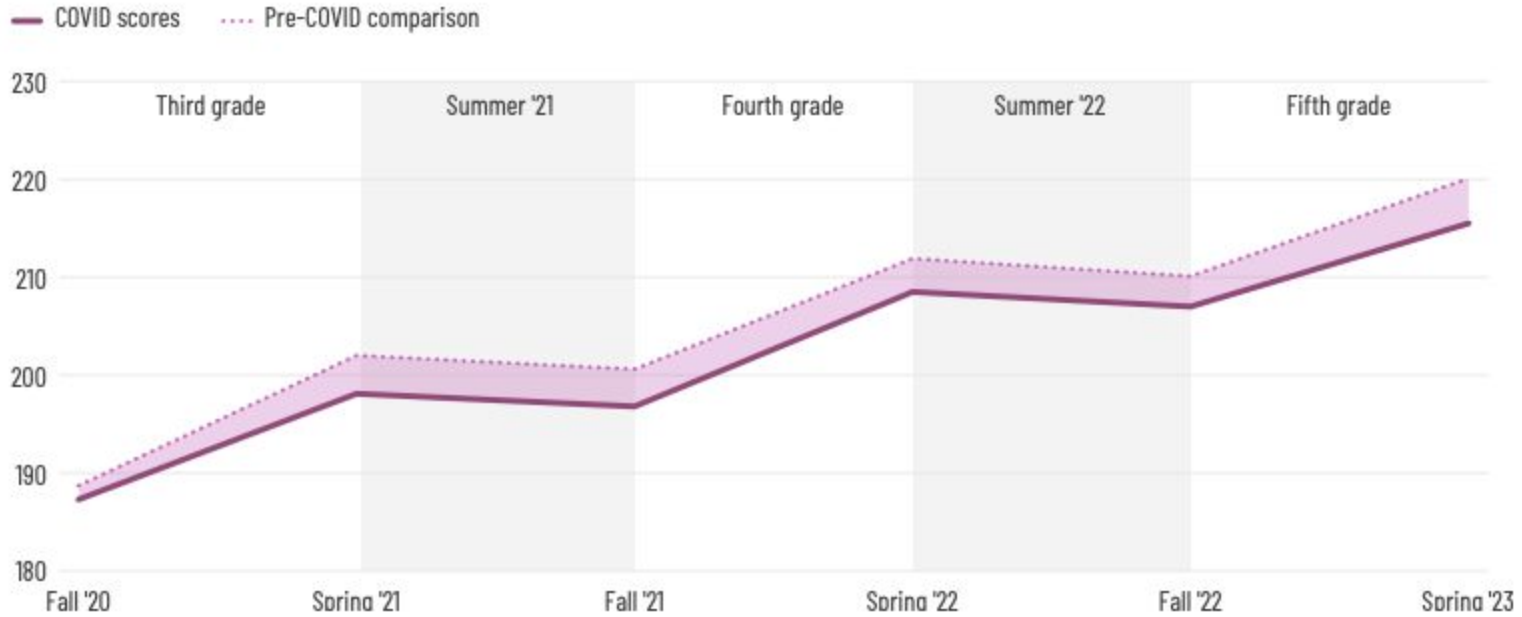
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This article is part of the guide: **Attention Please: Professors Struggle With Student Disengagement.**

Learning loss persists through this spring

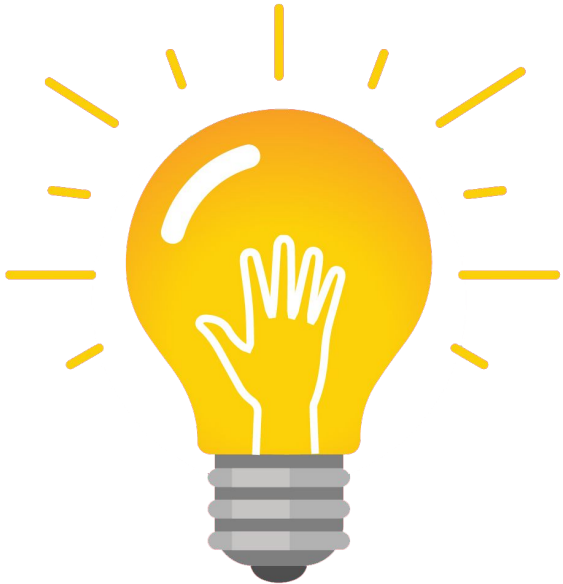
Lines show the scores of fifth graders this spring tested on math skills for three years starting in 2020, compared against their pre-COVID peers.



Scores are taken from the MAP Growth math assessment test.

Chart: Thomas Wilburn • Source: [NWEA](#)

Student Attendance



BLOG

Absenteeism Mires Recovery from Pandemic Learning Losses

EDUCATION

3 years since the pandemic wrecked attendance, kids still aren't showing up to school

March 2, 2023 · 12:00 PM ET

Heard on [All Things Considered](#)



Jonaki Mehta

NEWS

Millions of students missing weeks of school as attendance tanks across US

School relationships frayed during pandemic, leaving parents and children questioning the need for regular attendance

By [Bianca Vázquez Toness](#), AP Education Writer

Aug. 11, 2023

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Students are chronically absent across the country. COVID seems to have made it worse.

Experts say solutions have to include the community and hands-on involvement

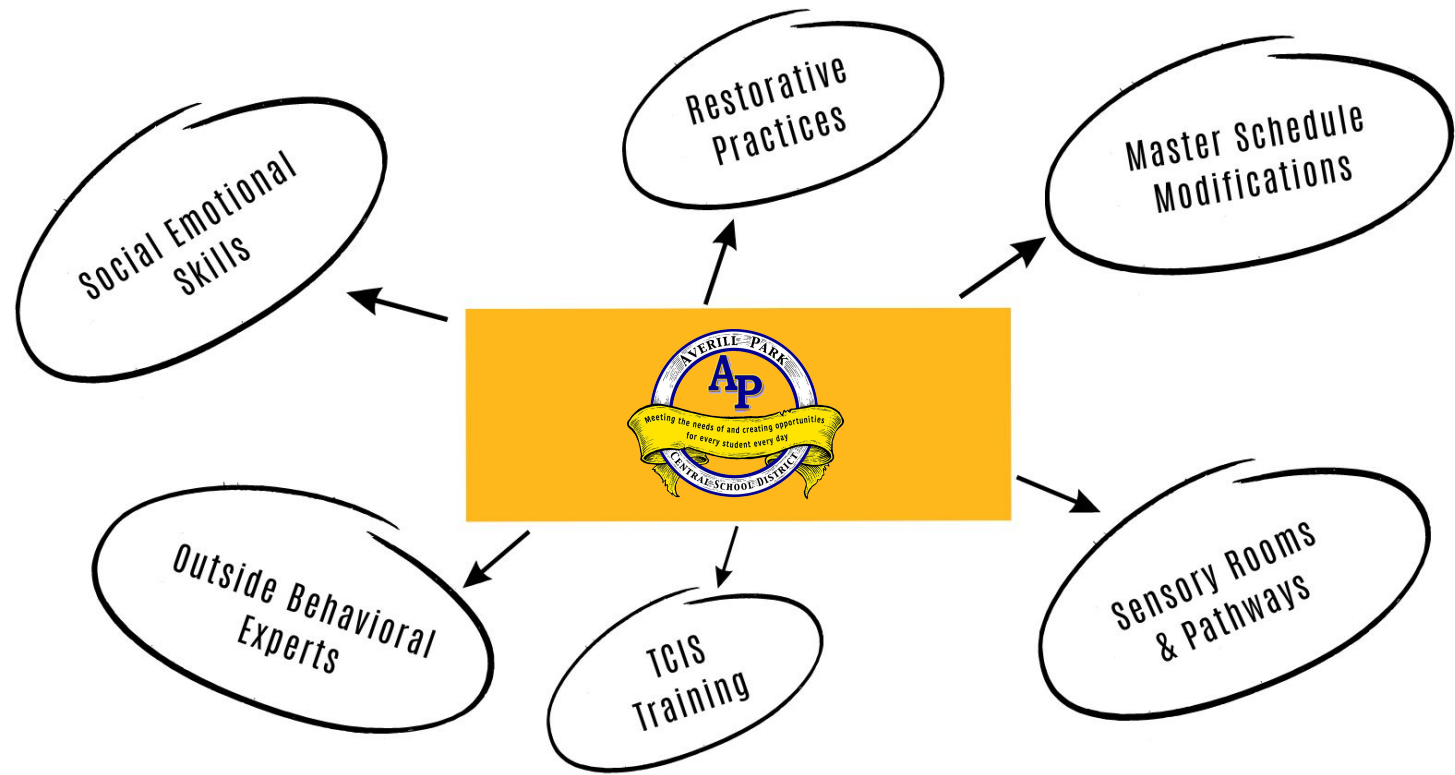
By [Arthur Jones II](#)

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Restorative Practices

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Outside Behavioral Experts

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Second Step
- MTSS-I NYS Grant

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Dynamic Mindfulness
NYS Grant
- Team Building
Tuesdays
- Second Step



HIGH SCHOOL

- Schoolwide Expectations
- We Make AP a Great
Place to Be
- Monthly Grade Level
Assemblies

OUTSIDE

- START Center
- Outside Expertise