

School Climate and Wellness Partnership

Working Together to Support Student and Staff Success

School climate and wellness are essential aspects of school improvement efforts that lead to **increased student attendance, achievement, and success**. However, cultivating and sustaining a positive school climate that creates the necessary conditions for teaching and learning can be challenging.

WestEd's School Climate and Wellness Partnership (SCWP) can help you meet that challenge.

The Partnership

Based on extensive research about non-instructional factors that influence student learning and WestEd's broad experience working on these issues with schools, districts, counties, and states, the SCWP helps clients move the needle on school climate and wellness.

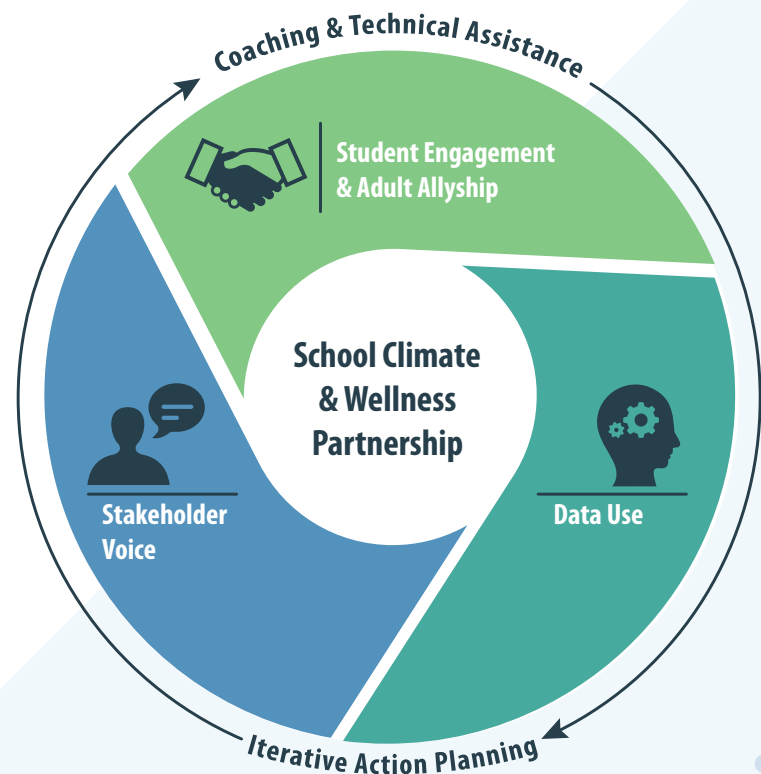
Clients will work with WestEd coaches to:

- » Build staff and student capacity to improve climate and wellness
- » Use data and stakeholder input to develop a comprehensive needs assessment and School Climate and Wellness Plan
- » Align work with existing programs, systems, and teams
- » Implement effective programs and policies to support student and staff success
- » Assess progress through a process of inquiry and reflection
- » Plan for sustainability over time

The Process

Client-centered coaching is at the heart of the School Climate and Wellness Partnership. Coaches use a blend of transactional and transformational coaching and consultation models to produce self-directed stakeholders with the capacity to lead meaningful and sustainable change.

In close collaboration, WestEd coaches and key stakeholders engage in data-driven, **iterative action planning** for climate- and wellness-related improvement efforts. The process includes developing a School Climate and Wellness Plan, then implementing, monitoring, and revising that plan as needed. Plans are often aligned with or incorporated into overall school improvement efforts such as school safety plans, PBIS or MTSS, SEL, Local Control and Accountability Plans (California), student support, or mental health initiatives.



Core Features

The partnership includes three distinct but related core features that lay the foundation for success.

Stakeholder Voice

Engages students, staff, and families in processes (e.g., listening circles, forums, focus groups) of articulating and sharing their experiences, perspectives, and ideas to help inform climate and wellness improvement efforts.

Data Use

Supports school and district teams in using data to answer important issues of policy and practice with the goal of improving student outcomes and reducing disparities. Uses school climate-related data to identify trends, prioritize needs, and develop goals.

Student Engagement/ Leadership and Adult Allyship

Encourages positive student-educator relationships, laying the foundation for meaningful collaboration. Builds the capacity of young people to positively impact their school, and of educators to partner with and support students' efforts.

Topic-Specific and Skills-Based Training

Professional learning and technical assistance are available on a variety of school climate and wellness-related topics including, but not limited to: bullying prevention, bias-based behavior, student mental health, behavior, discipline, restorative practices, staff wellness, LGBTQ students and staff, family engagement, trauma-informed schools, school safety, equity and inclusion, student leadership, positive youth development, social-emotional learning (SEL), resilience, adaptive leadership, and multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS).

Contact Us

Positive, inclusive, and healthy schools make success possible. Work with us to strengthen the conditions necessary for effective teaching and learning. All services are customized to meet your unique needs. For more information on the School Climate and Wellness Partnership and for pricing, contact Jenny Betz at SchoolClimate@WestEd.org or 510.302.4370.



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