

## Madison Elementary School

Safety for students and staff is part of a comprehensive vision for Madison Elementary School as they strive to make it possible for all students to receive a high quality education that promotes academic achievement, healthy choices, a safe environment, student engagement, rigorous and challenging curriculum, and supports for social-emotional competence. As a Title I School, a majority of their families operate within a culture of poverty, and are at-risk, including a significant number of students are homeless. At Madison, specific attention is paid to any student at risk, ensuring each student learns in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe.

Madison Elementary is considered a 'safe harbor,' with systems and programs in place for students and families that help them feel connected to school. Addressing behavior concerns has contributed to their safe harbor, as Madison Elementary implemented Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) as part of their Response to Intervention (RTI) program. This decision-making framework has successfully been used to decrease behavior referrals, and increase student motivation, engagement and achievement. The following systems and programs have helped Madison Elementary to act on their vision of providing a safe environment for students and their families:

1. Welcome Room for before and after-school students who are homeless
2. Early Childhood interventions: All day tuition-free kindergarten and Title 1/Special Ed Preschool
3. Safe and welcoming classroom/school culture: School-wide expectations and progressive discipline plan
4. Collaborative Staff: Positive staff relations that focus on student success as a shared value
5. Lunch Buddy Program
6. Walk and Roll Program
7. Parent Café Nights and Family Learning Nights
8. Community Support: Weekly Lunch Buddies and Reading Buddies volunteer to meet with specific students in need
9. A Garden That Builds Community: School, parent, and community partnerships have shaped a garden that has become a model of "farm to fork" learning
10. Ongoing Community Partnerships: Avanti High School, First United Methodist Church, Evergreen State, Americorps, OSPI, Rotary, Jr. League, Lions, Lowe's, Target, City of Olympia, Intercity Transit, Thurston Regional Planning Council, WSU-Food Sense, and Northeast Neighborhood Association