

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA)

The BSCA was signed into law by President Biden in 2022. This legislation expands vital mental health services and provides additional support for States and districts to design and enhance initiatives that will promote safer, more inclusive, and positive school environments for all students, educators, and school staff.

MISSION *and* VISION

In Texas, our **mission** is to establish safer and healthier learning environments, and to prevent and respond to acts of bullying, violence, and hate that impact our school communities at individual and systemic levels, among other programs and activities.

Our **vision** is to create and sustain a Texas Center for Student Supports (TCSS) that partners with districts across the state to support the academic and nonacademic needs of students by providing safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments which will result in improved academic achievement as well as mental, behavioral, emotional, and physical health and well-being of students.

our GOALS



- 1 Provide 60+ high-needs districts across the state with the financial and technical assistance resources needed to implement strong and effective Student Support Programs and Student Support Teams.
- 2 Establish and improve school culture to produce strong relationships between staff and students, while addressing harmful, violent, and threatening behavior resulting in reductions in behavioral and disciplinary incidents, chronic absenteeism, incidents of bullying and harassment, and improved overall academic outcomes.
- 3 Implement effective mental health training, support, and use of resources.
- 4 Develop infrastructure and capacity to sustain and scale access to guidance, training, and resources that ensure 1) students experience a sense of belonging and trusting relationships, and 2) learning environments provide culturally and linguistically responsive practices, and help students overcome challenging and traumatic experiences.

Research



Research consistently shows that safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments are associated with improved academic achievement and emotional well-being of students.

Partnerships



Students, families, educators, and communities work together to ensure students have access to safe and effective learning environments.

Technical Assistance



The TCSS will provide guidance, training, and resources to the twenty regional ESCs to assist LEAs with establishing and implementing safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environments through a comprehensive student support team structure.

Sustainability



The TCSS and collaborating ESCs and LEAs will produce strategic plans that scale and sustain supports districts use to develop effective Student Support Programs.

Data



Data collected from a variety of stakeholders will drive decision making and ensure a cycle of continuous improvement at the local, regional, and state levels.

Our Partners and Contact Information



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