WDE THRIVE

Success in School, Work, and Life Through Mental and Emotional Well-Being

What Is the THRIVE Framework?

The THRIVE framework provides a set of foundational skills (e.g., communication, collaboration, problem-solving) and adult practices that support student mental and emotional well-being. Wyoming schools, districts, and organizations serving students outside of school can use this framework to guide their interactions with students to help them thrive academically, prepare for the workforce, and achieve overall well-being. Further, students can use this framework as an opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to use these skills, and teachers will have opportunities to earn micro-credentials and demonstrate their effectiveness in supporting students' well-being. The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will pilot tools that support implementation of the framework, including micro-credentials, in districts across the state starting in August 2023. The THRIVE framework aligns and supports other WDE initiatives: multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) and family engagement.



Why Does WDE Need THRIVE?

WDE prioritizes students' mental and emotional well-being and the importance of providing resources for safe, supportive, and engaging schools and classrooms where all students are invited to be their best selves. Survey trends have shown that Wyoming students are feeling more depressed and that there is an increase in suicide ideation. The THRIVE framework will further provide schools and districts with the tools to assist teachers and students in being prepared to learn with a positive mindset, to nurture resiliency skills, and to build interpersonal relationship skills for their success.