

Tomorrow Center
FY 2026
Student Wellness and Success Plan (Revised)

The mission of The Tomorrow Center is to help all of our students grow continuously in their academic, social, and emotional learning. Our aim is to advance students' skills and demonstrate critical analysis and problem-solving, collaborative teamwork, thoughtful reflection on experiences, and shared responsibility for academic success and a safe learning community for all. We prepare students to be successful in achieving this mission, ensuring their readiness for the next grade level and ultimately for college and careers. The Tomorrow Center respects and reveres individuality while striving to reach each child's unique potential. Our purpose is to build a strong academic and social foundation, enabling all students to communicate and contribute effectively and responsibly within their community. At our school, we will:

- ★ Encourage all students and staff to expect and strive for growth in their intelligence and its demonstration.
- ★ Inspire students to take self-directed responsibility for their learning and to engage with the school and wider community.
- ★ Design lessons at all grade levels that incorporate an understanding of human brain development and its impact on academic, social, and emotional growth.
- ★ Leverage community resources to enhance experiential learning opportunities for our students.
- ★ Ensure that all students and staff are treated with compassion, honesty, and respect.
- ★ View academic achievement as a reflection of both student and teacher jointly teaming for success.
- ★ Create, state and display the norms for how people are expected to act at school regarding behavioral interactions and academic work.
- ★ Implement a comprehensive plan at the Tomorrow Center to advance academic achievement, social and emotional learning, grade progression, and college and career readiness.

The Tomorrow Center's vision is to be an innovative leader in the educational world by creating a trauma-sensitive school environment, engaging students in academic work, networking with community partners, and nurturing social-emotional growth to empower future citizens and leaders.

Student Wellness and Success

The Tomorrow Center is committed to fostering our students' ongoing social and emotional growth within a trauma-sensitive school environment. Research shows a significant connection between academic learning and Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). Studies conducted over the past 30 years also highlight trauma, including the stressful environment of continuous, pervasive poverty, as a significant factor in many school struggles that children face; therefore, our entire staff is trained in trauma sensitivity.

Our SEL focus incorporates daily small group community advising, the use of Restorative Practices, and mindfulness techniques to equip our students with strategies, skills, experiences, and mindsets to succeed both in the classroom and in life beyond school. A comprehensive multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) is part of this initiative, supporting the whole child while also providing academic support and interventions.

Our primary strategy is to build a relational, safe, and resilient school community where all members are engaged and invested through structures, routines, predictability, consistency, care, and compassion. We address the pervasive trauma experienced by our students due to poverty, dysfunctional or absent families, and chaotic communities. Our team evaluates data, including attendance, course performance, discipline, and school climate among staff and parents and has made a significant commitment to an ongoing focus on Social and Emotional Learning, including Trauma Responsiveness.

The Tomorrow Center will spend funds from the Student Wellness and Success initiative for ongoing professional development (PD) planned and delivered by our partners, experts in the field, and our internal PD leaders in the areas of Social and Emotional Learning and Trauma Responsive Practices. Funds will support SEL curriculum, resources, assessments and experiences implemented in MTSS. Additionally, funds will support the crucial work of our Family and Civic Engagement Coordinator in promoting and supporting student and parent engagement. The Tomorrow Center has established a foundational focus on Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), partnering with Dr. Lisa Reigel, Educational Partnerships Institute (EPI) to lead school-wide, ongoing professional development in SEL from multiple perspectives and with various tools.

Teachers are trained to focus on students, both individually and collectively, to create a positive, safe, and supportive community culture. This partnership includes regular school visits, data collection and analysis, and interim and year-end reporting. Trained staff leaders and other experts will provide additional monitoring, data collection, ongoing professional development, support, and coaching.

The Tomorrow Center's long-term goal is to create a comprehensive, trauma-informed SEL school that fosters a positive, safe, and supportive community culture where students heal, thrive and achieve their full potential . Social and Emotional Learning is defined as the process through which individuals recognize and manage emotions, establish healthy relationships, set positive goals, behave ethically and responsibly, and avoid negative behaviors. This SEL initiative will ensure that our students build the necessary skills to be behaviorally, emotionally, and academically ready for college and careers. Student Wellness and Success funds will support this goal.

This plan has been formulated in partnership with the Tomorrow Center Advisory Board Members and NYAP, our local partner in mental health services.

The Tomorrow Center
Community Advisory Committee

Membership List (rev. 6/26)

Headwaters Outdoor Education Center	Maceyko Tax
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OSU Extension, Morrow County	Michael Patterson
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Morrow County Veterans Services	Morrow County Victim/Witness Program
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