

# Ellensburg Activities

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	Q1 2026	Q2 2026
Behavior Specialists at Morgan Middle School and Ellensburg High School	<p>Certificated Behavior Specialists at both schools are fully implemented and providing Tier 2 behavioral health and attendance interventions aligned to MTSS-B. At Morgan Middle School, systems are well established, including small group interventions, check-in/check-out, and positive attendance supports, resulting in improved student engagement. At Ellensburg High School, systems are in earlier stages but are focused on building consistent interventions, improving attendance, and coordinating supports with counseling and administration. These roles emphasize proactive, data-informed interventions rather than disciplinary responses.</p>	

<p>The District will replace previously funded classified Engagement Specialist positions with certificated Behavior Specialist positions at Morgan Middle School and Ellensburg High School. These positions provide data-informed intervention, crisis prevention, progress monitoring, and coordination with counseling and community partners.</p>	<p>See above</p>	
<p>Temporary Contracted Behavioral Health Services at Ellensburg High School</p>	<p>The contracted Mental Health Counselor is providing ongoing direct services to approximately 20 students and supporting crisis response in coordination with school teams. The Student Assistance Professional provides substance use prevention and early intervention services across Ellensburg High School and Morgan Middle School, including prevention programming, Why Try, and student engagement activities. Both positions are also supporting a districtwide suicide prevention system update aligned with ESD 105 guidance and best practices.</p>	

<p>For the current school year (2025-2026) only, the District will fund:          Ellensburg High School Mental Health Counselor (contracted through ESD105)          Ellensburg High School Student Assistance Professional (partial funding, contracted through ESD105)</p>	<p>see above</p>	
<p>Hire a social worker to work with students at Ellensburg School District's alternative learning programs : Ellensburg Choice Schools and Ellensburg Open Doors.</p>	<p>The School Social Worker at Ellensburg Choice Schools provides intensive case management, direct mental health services, and family engagement for students in alternative programs, including Open Doors. Services focus on removing barriers to attendance and coordinating supports with school staff and community partners. Attendance at Choice Schools increased by more than 10 percentage points compared to the same period last year.</p>	
<p>Purchase Yondr pouches to assist with establishing Morgan Middle School as a cellphone-free Campus</p>	<p>This activity is no longer being implemented under the revised grant scope. See Behavior Specialists at Morgan Middle School and Ellensburg High School.</p>	

<p>Hire an Engagement Specialist that will work in both Morgan Middle School and Ellensburg High School</p>	<p>This activity is no longer being implemented under the revised grant scope. See Behavior Specialists at Morgan Middle School and Ellensburg High School.</p>	
<p>Consultation services for anti-bullying and anti-discrimination programming.</p>	<p>This activity was revised through the amended grant scope. See Temporary Contracted Behavioral Health Services at Ellensburg High School.</p>	
<p>Hire a part time Student Assistance Professional at Morgan Middle School.</p>	<p>This activity was revised through the amended grant scope. See Temporary Contracted Behavioral Health Services at Ellensburg High School.</p>	

# Successes

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Q1 2026	Q2 2026
Morgan Middle School attendance increased by 2 percentage points compared to the same period last year, indicating positive impact of Tier 2 behavioral health and attendance supports.	
Attendance at Ellensburg Choice Schools increased by more than 10 percentage points year-over-year, reflecting improved student engagement and consistent mental health support.	
Students at both secondary schools are engaging in structured behavioral health supports, including check-in/check-out and targeted small group interventions.	
Implementation of proactive, skill-based behavioral health interventions is improving student support systems and reducing reliance on disciplinary responses.	

# Challenges

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Q1 2026	Q2 2026
Limited outcome data available for Ellensburg High School due to later start of the Behavior Specialist position and the time required to establish systems.	
Changing attendance patterns at the high school level is more complex due to student independence and long-standing habits.	
High levels of student mental health and substance use needs require intensive coordination across staff and services.	
Implementation of new systems requires ongoing staff training and consistency to fully shift from reactive to proactive practices.	

# Ellensburg Objectives

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Objective	Q1 2026	Q2 2026	
Improve student attendance, particularly for students with high barriers to engagement	Improved student attendance, with measurable gains at Ellensburg Choice Schools and Morgan Middle School through targeted mental health and attendance interventions.		
Increase access to school-based mental health services	Increased access to mental health services, including direct counseling for approximately 20 students and coordinated crisis response support at Ellensburg High School.		
Increase access to substance use prevention and early intervention services	Expanded substance use prevention and early intervention services through Student Assistance Professional programming, including Why Try and student engagement activities.		
Strengthen Tier 2 behavioral health and attendance intervention systems at secondary schools	Established and implemented Tier 2 behavioral health and attendance intervention systems, particularly at Morgan Middle School, addressing a previous gap between universal and intensive supports.		

Improve coordination of behavioral health, attendance, and crisis response systems across the district	Strengthened coordination of behavioral health, attendance, and crisis response systems, including collaboration across Behavior Specialists, contracted providers, and district staff, and ongoing work to update the district's suicide prevention system.		
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