



WAKE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Heritage Middle School
Stephen Mares, Interim Principal
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September 8, 2024

Dear Family Members:

In our continuing efforts to support the well-being of all our students, we will be administering a universal screener of social, emotional & behavioral health. Our district is using the Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System-2 (BIMAS-2) research-based screening tool. We believe this will help all of our students thrive academically by identifying students who may benefit from additional social and emotional support and interventions, much like some students benefit from additional academic support and interventions.

This will not require you or your child to do anything. Your child's homeroom teacher will complete a questionnaire about your child's actions and emotions displayed in class during a one-week time span.

Examples of some of the questions include:

- During the past week, this student shared what they were thinking about.
- During the past week, this student had trouble paying attention.
- During the past week, this student followed directions.
- During the past week, this student acted sad or withdrawn.

For each question, the teacher will answer "never," "rarely," "sometimes," "often," or "very often."

This information helps us to understand the needs of all our students and how we can best serve and support them. This will also provide us with data to help determine school-wide programs, interventions, and training needs for staff.

If you would like more information about the universal screener, please visit the WCPSS website at www.wcpss.net/universalscreener. You can also email Ms. Onofre, Intervention Coordinator (tonofre@wcpss.net) or call your student's Counselor at 919-562-6204 to get additional information.

If you do not want your student screened, please complete the attached Opt-Out Form and return it to your student's teacher or the Main Office. If you want your student included in the universal screening, no further action is required.

Thank you,

Stephen Mares
Interim Principal



Social, Emotional & Behavioral Health Universal Screener Opt-Out Form

In order to opt out of the screenings, this form must be turned or a message sent to your student's teacher by:

Track 1 - Friday, October 4

Track 3 - Friday, September 27

Track 4 - Friday, September 20

I do not want my student to be part of the universal screening for social, emotional, and behavioral health. I understand that by signing this form, my student will not be included in the school-wide screenings.

Student name (please print):

Grade/Track:

Parent / Guardian name (please print):

Parent / Guardian signature:

Date: _____