SHHS DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTIONS

For a current administrator directory and additional program information, visit the SHHS website at achieve.lausd.net/shhs

MISSION
To address barriers that prevent students from learning and to optimize their academic achievement.

VISION
We support students, families, and staff to cultivate a safe, healthy, welcoming and affirming learning and working environment where all students thrive and graduate as empowered members of society.

CORE BELIEFS
All students have the ability to learn, graduate and succeed when equitable access to appropriate supports is provided to eliminate barriers to learning. Safe and healthy environments promote student success. Everyone involved in the educational process is responsible for contributing to a system of holistic supports. Support systems work when inclusive, comprehensive and integrated. Parent and family support is vital to student success.

Pia V. Escudero, LCSW
Executive Director | (213) 241-3840
We provide a range of prevention, early intervention and acute mental health assessment and treatments in group, individual, or family modalities. Psychiatric Social Workers (PSWs) support a school-wide foundation of positive discipline, safe climate, academic success, and mental and emotional wellness by helping develop and sustain a caring school environment that promotes problem-solving skills and positive behavior. Additionally, SMH is dedicated to restoring and maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment for the students and staff after critical incidents on or near a school campus. Crisis Counseling and Intervention Services staff build the capacity of District staff to implement prevention strategies and mitigate the risk of school and community crises.

SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH (SMH)
Joel E. Cisneros, LCSW, Director
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STUDENT MEDICAL SERVICES AND MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS (SMS)
Ron H. Tanimura, Ed.D., Director
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We are comprised of school physicians, nurse practitioners, optometrists, and medical support staff working together to provide needed health care to students who have no access to a regular doctor. SMS provides direct services in schools, as well as in school-based health centers, and provides policy and program direction for the entire school District.