

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Gervais School District recognizes the importance of addressing the whole child, which includes not only classroom academics but students' social-emotional well-being. The District's Strategic Plan prioritizes promoting social and emotional growth, supporting the mental well-being of all, and creating an environment of empathy and respect. To better access and connect with our students and achieve this goal, Gervais School District uses BASE (Behavior and Social-Emotional) Education curriculum.

BASE is an in-person/online social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum. BASE curriculum modules teach students skills to handle bullying/cyberbullying, stress management, coping strategies, healthy communication, gratitude, motivation, and more. In addition to instruction, students answer questions about themselves, identify potential challenges to success, and come to understand their healthiest way to grow.

It is important that all students learn self-management skills. To make this happen, we must meet students where they are. While some students prefer talking face to face, many middle and high school students feel more comfortable behind a screen, typing about their thoughts and feelings. It is our hope that, by offering another avenue, we will be able to engage ALL students and ensure no child falls through the cracks.

The elementary school will use pre- and post-assessments to monitor students' social-emotional growth. The middle and high schools will administer the BASEline assessment three times each year to provide students and educators markers of behavioral growth and identify areas in need of continued support.

The 5- to 10-minute BASEline assessment addresses students' thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors that occur only in school. BASEline does not ask students to report on their life at home or in alternate settings. Teachers and counselors/school-based social workers can monitor responses to ensure students' safety and identify areas in which they, as well as you, may provide further support. We do not share students' information with anyone; all courses adhere to federal and state privacy standards.

If you would like further information on BASE Education, you can view their website at [www.base.education](http://www.base.education). You may also contact your student's counselor/school-based social worker at any time.

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Thank you for allowing us to work with and care for your students.