

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Gervais School District recognizes the importance of addressing the whole child, which include 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 the skills for how to handle social settings, improve stress management, coping strategies, have healthy communication, gratitude, motivation, and more. In addition to instruction, your student can answer questions about self, identify potential challenges, and understand patterns to ultimately find the healthiest way to grow.

It is important that all students learn self-management skills. To achieve this, we must meet our students where they are. While some students still prefer talking face to face, middle and high school students may feel more comfortable behind a screen, typing about their thoughts and feelings. Students K-12 will be guided by the teacher to engage in classroom participation.

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 BASEline assessment addresses thoughts, attitudes, and behaviors that occur only in school. This assessment does not ask students to report on their life at home or in alternate setting. Your student's school staff (teacher, counselor/school-based social worker) can monitor your student's responses to ensure safety and identify areas in which the student, as well as you, may provide further support. We do not share students' information with anyone other than the required school personnel; all courses adhere to federal and state privacy standards.

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

#### Elementary School

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