

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The 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, the Gervais School District uses BASE (Behavior and Social-Emotional) Education curriculum.

BASE is an in-person/online Social Emotional learning (SEL) curriculum. The BASE curriculum modules teach students skills for how to handle various social settings, improve stress management, coping strategies, healthy communication, strategies to return to school, motivation, and other topics. In addition to instruction, your student can answer questions about themselves, identify potential challenges, and understand their patterns to ultimately find their 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, many middle and high students tend to feel more comfortable behind a screen, typing about their thoughts and feelings. Regardless of how BASE is used, districtwide (K-12) usage will be guided by a teacher who will encourage individual and classroom participation.

The elementary school will use pre- and post-assessments to monitor students' social-emotional growth. The middle and high school 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 settings. Your students' school teacher and counselor/school-based social worker can monitor your students' responses to ensure safety and to identify areas in which they, 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 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 student.