

# SOUTH ROCK CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT C-032

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Dear Parents/Legal Guardians,

Project RESPECT (ReSpecialize; RePurpose, ReEducate, ReCruit, ReTain) is a federally funded School-based Mental Health Professional Grant awarded to the State Department of Education. The grant provides funding for school-based mental health professionals, training, and consultation support to build multi-tiered systems of support in 14 school districts located in Pottawatomie County, OK.

One part of this Grant is to administer the Early Identification System (EIS) screener to students in Pottawatomie County. The EIS was originally developed as a comprehensive tool for rural schools to identify, prevent, and intervene on student mental health outcomes. The goal is to increase accessibility of information for student support data-based decision making and assist educational teams in promoting positive academic engagement for all students.

South Rock Creek Public Schools will be providing the Early Identification System (EIS) screener within the 2024-2025 school year, under the direction of the district Licensed Mental Health Provider, to aid the district in determining student needs and providing prevention programs. One administration will be given within the Fall of 2024 and the second within the Spring of 2025. The screener questions are available for viewing on our district website under the "Counselor's Corner" tab and in printed format by request. Screening for Kindergarten through 4th grade students will be completed by staff while screening for 5th through 12th grade students will be completed by the student.

Active parental consent is required for universal screening data to be collected by, or for, students. We are requesting permission for your child to participate in the both Fall and Spring sessions. Legal guardians/parents may request the results of the EIS by contacting and giving written request to the Licensed Mental Health Professional, School Counselor, or Administration team at the school site. You may choose to withdraw your child from the screening at any time with written consent. **This is NOT a psychological evaluation, and the information will NOT be included in your child's permanent academic records.**

If you have any questions with regard to your child's participation, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Anna Bryson, MS, LPC, Certified School Psychologist