

SEDNET Administration (Multiagency Network for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities)

Our district is requesting support for the use of Apex Learning, an online curriculum, for our 6th-12th grade students to receive 5 hours of mental health instruction as required by the state. A Third-Party Study of the Effects of Apex Learning on School and Student Outcomes (2019) shows that eighty-six percent (85.7%) of schools that used Apex Learning received a “Commendable” school improvement rating compared to 7.86% of schools not using Apex. In addition, students passed 85.2% of Apex Learning Courses and 90% or more of those students passed their next course in English language arts and mathematics. Students enrolled high schools that used Apex Learning achieved significantly greater English language arts and mathematics gains on FSA grade level assessments than students enrolled in alternative schools that do not use Apex Learning Courses. With strong data like this, we believe that Apex Courses will be a significant support for the learning of mental health awareness for our secondary students.