## Introduction

Behavior Support Specialist (BSS) services are available to any CCPS elementary school student whose behaviors interfere with learning, social, and emotional growth in the school setting. Services target a wide variety of chronic and challenging behaviors including, but not limited to:

- Focusing/Attentional Difficulties
- Off Task/Distracting Behaviors
- Difficulty Following Directions
- Social Skills Deficits
- Disruptive or Unsafe Actions
- Behaviors Resulting from Mental Health Concerns

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### VISION

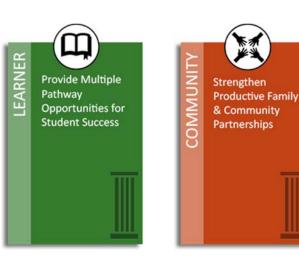
Behavior Support Specialists (BSS) focus on students' social, emotional, and behavioral needs in order to maximize student learning and achievement.

### **MISSION**

Behavior Support Specialists (BSS) support the school community through collaboration, prevention, intervention, and behavior and mental health education.

#### Building the Future







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## BSS services align with the CCPS Strategic Plan by providing:

- Social, emotional, and behavioral supports
- Consultation and collaboration with school-based teams, Student Services staff, families, and outside service providers
- Classroom management strategies
- Behavior observation, assessment, and intervention
- Data analysis to drive individualized interventions
- Individual and group counseling
- Program and service referrals
- Transition services for children entering and returning from alternate programs and hospital settings
- Crisis prevention and response
- Individual, school, and system-wide social, emotional, and behavior professional learning

# **BSS Support:**

- Social, emotional, and behavioral development
- Safe and supportive learning environments
- School-family-community partnerships
- Data-based decision making



## **BSS Serve:**

- Primary focus at elementary level
- Professional learning for schools at all levels