

Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation
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Abstract

Target Population: Situated in Southwestern Indiana, Evansville is in Vanderburgh County (pop. 181,616[85.9% white, 14.1% minority]). Our community exceeds state and national poverty rates and was recently awarded a Promise Zone designation. We expect to directly impact 2,031 individuals in Year One and 3,047 individuals by Year Five. Four schools in the same attendance district will fully implement the full-service community school model including William Henry Harrison High School (9-12), McGary Middle School (6-8, Title I), Fairlawn Elementary School (PK-5, Title I), and Caze Elementary School (PK-5, Title I). Schools are among the highest poverty (60.8% to 90%), lowest achieving, and most at-risk in our community and are located in or serve students from Evansville's Promise Zone.

Comprehensive Plan/Description/Goals/Outcomes: In 2000, the EVSC spearheaded the development of a district-wide community school initiative called the School Community Council (SCC). To date, over 80 community organizations, businesses, and faith-based partners are working in partnership to support schools. Components of the full-service community school framework are already in place in some schools. EVSC will further transform high poverty and persistently low performing schools into Full-Service Community Schools. Elements include early childhood learning centers, afterschool and summer programs, access to health services, social and emotional supports, and alternatives to suspension/expulsion. In addition to various district support positions, existing and proposed positions are included in this application to ensure capacity to support this work: FSCS Project Director, one FSCS Coordinator per school, FSCS Liaison of School and Community, Administrative Support, SEL Interventionist, Specialized Case Manager, an OptIN Assistant Program Manager, and a Social Worker for Special Populations.

Goals and expected outcomes include:

- ┌ Goal 1: Increase school adjustment and physical, mental, and emotional health of students/families. Obj./Outcome Areas: academic performance and school readiness, absences and disruptive behaviors, high school graduation and post-secondary preparation, and nutrition and physical health of students.
- ┌ Goal 2: Strengthen bonds between families and children with schools and community by establishing an infrastructure of support for schools and agencies to support children and families. Obj./Outcome Areas: Number/percent of individuals served, student and family engagement, and student/family protective and risk factors of school maladjustment.

Partners: The EVSC Full-Service Community School (FSCS) Initiative proposes a partnership between the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation (LEA) and partners through the School Community Council including SCC Afterschool Team, City of Evansville, Youth First, Inc., YMCA, United Way of Southwestern Indiana, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of Raintree Council, St. Vincent Health, Junior Achievement, Carver Community Organization, 4C of Southern Indiana, Evansville Area Council PTA, OptIN Advisory Council, Vanderburgh County Juvenile Court, and Evansville Promise Zone. Our partnership is committed to enhancing existing resources and integrating FSCS services into a comprehensive network of pipeline programs and services while pursuing a common mission of "establishing school sites as places of community to enhance youth and family development."