

Serendipity Center:

Helping students thrive

Our mission:

To provide the best environment for our students to heal and become educated, productive community members.

How:

We teach social & self regulations skills through one-on-one coaching, classroom consultations, therapeutic recreation classes, therapeutic garden classes, equity lessons, structured play, and wellness & self expression classes. No part of our school day is left untouched by mental health professionals with a trauma informed lens.

Serendipity Center is in **YOUR** community

- **K-12+ Non-Profit Therapeutic School established in 1979**
- **Oregon's only therapeutic school of excellence serving students from 19 school districts in the Portland metro region**
- **Tuition from school districts pays for approx. 85% of our operating budget. Families never pay tuition.**
- **On average Serendipity Staff members make approx. 80% compared to their District counterparts. They are also not eligible for PERS.**
- **Philanthropy fills the funding gap.**

Serendipity Center Service Area



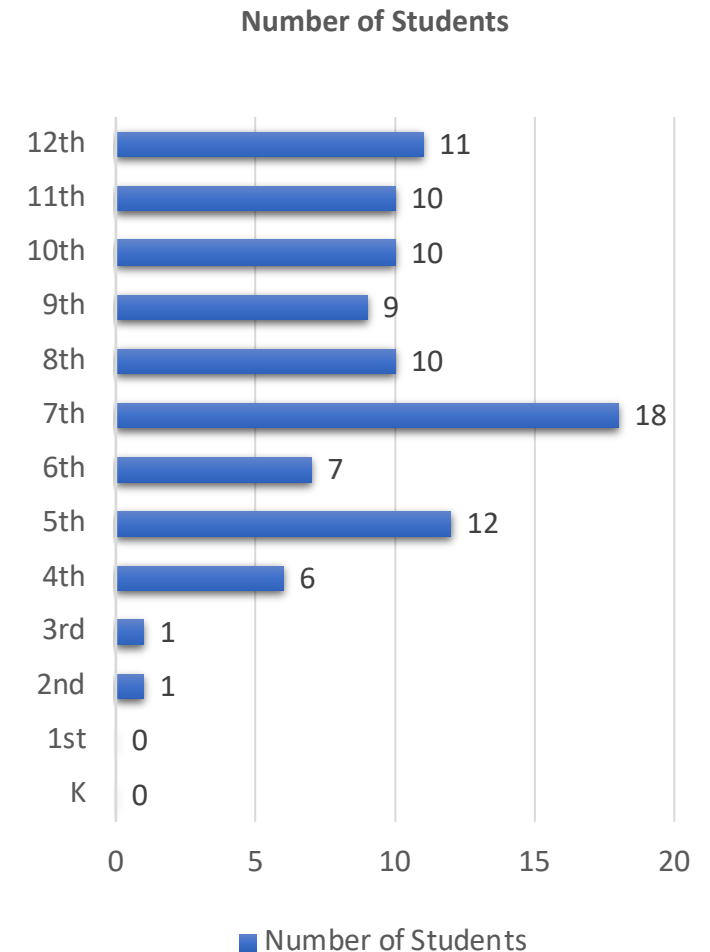
Serendipity students . . .

- **Serendipity students by identified gender**
 - 85% male
 - 15% female
- **Serendipity students by identified race/ethnicity**
 - 61 white
 - 14 (2) or more races
 - 6 Black/African American
 - 5 Hispanic/Latino
 - 1 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - 8 unknown
- **School districts refer students to Serendipity because:**
 - 85% show physical aggression
 - 63% show verbal aggression
 - 39% have multiple failed school placements
 - 25% have histories of multiple suspensions
 - 43% show self-endangering behaviors
 - 20% suicidal talk/attempts
 - 31% home or family challenges
 - 100% eligible for special ed services

Serendipity served 19 school districts during 2021-2022

Number of Students	School District
2	Battle Ground
4	Beaverton
1	Camas
8	Canby
8	Centennial
1	Corbet
7	David Douglas
2	Gladstone
7	Gresham-Barlow
1	Hillsboro
2	Lake Oswego
4	North Clackamas
5	Oregon City
3	Oregon Trail
8	Parkrose
11	Portland Public Schools
17	Reynolds
3	Washougal
1	Woodland

Serendipity students by Grade Level



Serendipity's Impact in 2021-2022...

On Student Engagement

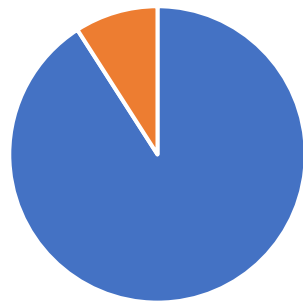
84% average attendance (14% higher than state average)

80% students referred to Serendipity either maintained their placement at Serendipity or successfully transitioned back to their home district

60% of our students showed improvement in reading while **73%** showed math improvements.

On Student Graduation:

9 out of 10



■ graduating ■ Non-graduating

On Behavioral Stabilization

We tracked:

101 behavioral plans

440 individual goals

We documented:

4,923 Class periods

74.70% met their goals!

How do we do it?

Our Four Pillar Model:

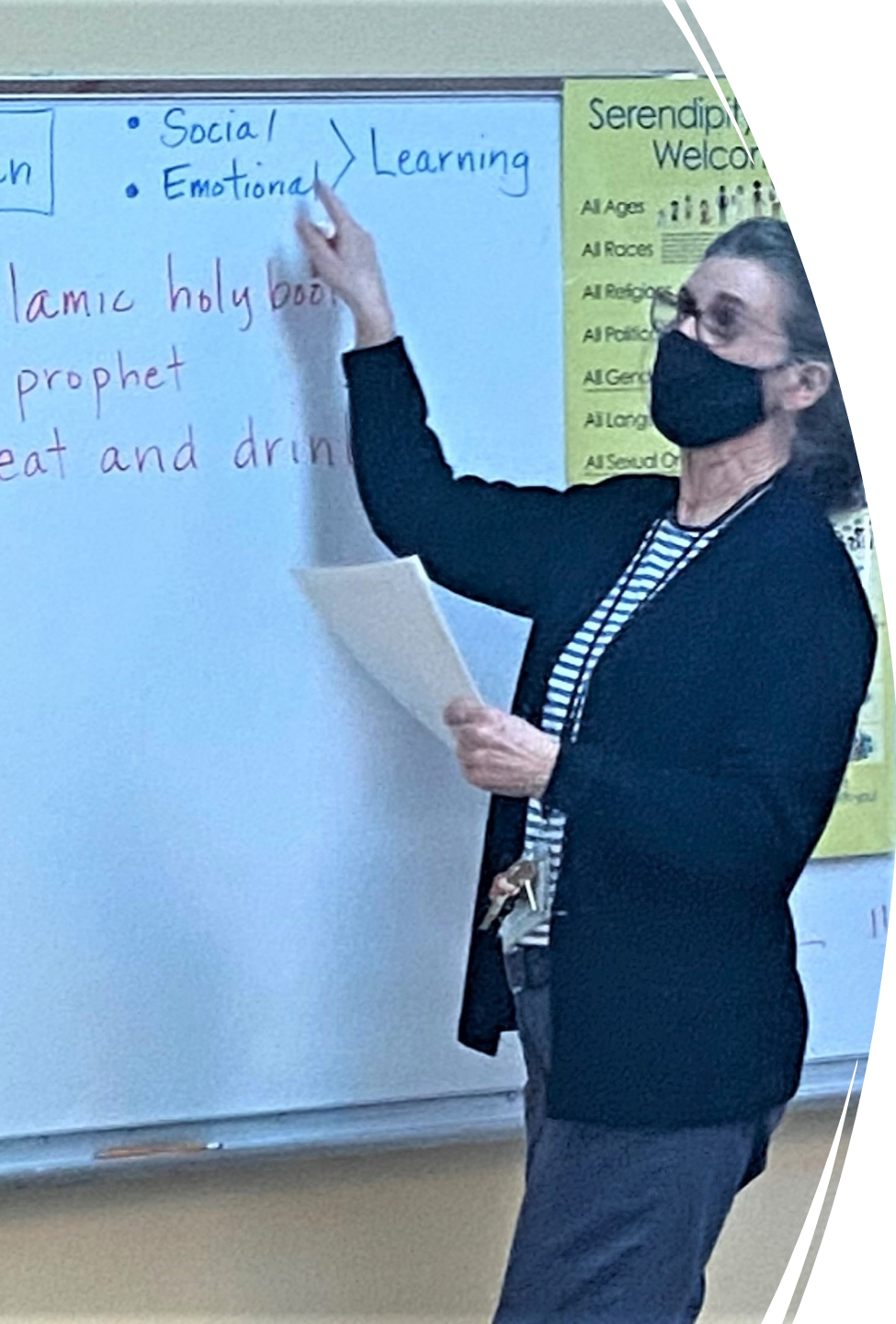
Education

Mental Health

Transition Services

Wellness





Education

WE BELIEVE students should find academic success every day.

- Each student has a licensed teacher, special education coordinator, speech and language pathologist, clinical case managers who partners with the student, their family, and the school district to develop an individualized education plan (IEP)
- High student to staff ratio. Class sizes are limited to 10-students in which teachers provide culturally responsive curriculum and instruction.
- Students find success in school through connection with trusted adults and predictable routines
- An accredited K-12 school where students may receive their high school diploma

Mental Health

We Believe in creating a bridge for students to overcome obstacles to healing and learning in school by providing:

- Mental health assessments
- Coordination of care
- Individual therapy
- Art therapy
- Integrating mental health and education services seamlessly



Transition Services

WE BELIEVE in preparing students for life outside the classroom.

We teach and provide:

- Independent self-care skills like cooking and cleaning
- Effective communication skills
- Student leadership
- On-site internships
- Pre-employment skills



Wellness

We believe joy should be built into each day with:

- Nourishing foods from the Growing Minds Garden
- Full half-acre farm and garden provides:
 - Internship program
 - Sensory stimulation and movement
 - Connection to the earth and seasons
 - Community outreach
- Therapeutic recreation:
 - Develops social skills through non-competitive play
 - Increases body awareness and sense of self



We ♥ our parents and students!

“I owe nearly everything to the staff at Serendipity Center. He's not ‘the difficult kid’ to them. He's Elliott, who loves dinosaurs and Pokémon, is a strong leader and has a big heart. **He is an individual, not a diagnosis.**”

- Sierra, current Serendipity parent



Thank you!