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At Howard Bishop Middle School, A Community Partnership School our goal is to empower children and families to succeed.

Serving Students

We connect students with programs and services that build on daily classroom learning. Students can improve academically, participate in after-school activities and receive onsite services.

A snapshot of our services includes:

- Snack and clothing closets
- On-site counseling
- Out-of-school programming
- Tutoring

Serving Families

Parent involvement is a crucial part of a child's success. At our Community Partnership School, we offer opportunities for parents to play an active role in your child's education.

We also work with parents to help them find answers and resources they need.

Parents will find a comfortable and welcoming environment to access various resources and opportunities to succeed. Other opportunities include:

- Counseling
- Community training opportunities

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Howard Bishop Middle School, A Community Partnership School is a partnership among the Alachua County Health Department, Children's Home Society of Florida, Santa Fe College, the School Board of Alachua County and the University of Florida.

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Community Partnership Schools

The Challenge

Thousands of students attending Title I schools arrive with heavy baggage: **hunger, homelessness, poverty, violence, mental health struggles, illness and more**. **They carry so much weight that they simply cannot focus on their education.**

The Solution: Community Partnership Schools

Community Partnership Schools provide support, services and solutions to help alleviate these burdens. As more weight is lifted, students find the balance to focus on learning so they can realize their full potential. Community Partnership Schools also engage parents and the community to empower students and families to succeed.

The core of every Community Partnership School is a strong foundation:

4 or more core partners: School district, reputable nonprofit like CHS, healthcare provider, college or university.

Long-term commitment: Partners make a 25-year (or longer) commitment.

Shared decision-making: Governed by a council of representatives from each partner organization, school leadership and community members to make decisions about funding, allocating resources, services and more.

Leveraged resources: Community Partnership Schools identify and coordinate local providers that can offer academic support programs, enrichment activities and wellness services at the school. For every $1 spent to operate the Community Partnership School, partners bring an average of $3 of additional resources to the school. By blending and braiding funding from multiple sectors (health, education, human services), we create opportunities in the school and surrounding community to remove barriers to learning and success.

Each Community Partnership School focuses on four pillars:

- **Extended learning:** Academic support and enrichment take place before and after school, during weekends and in the summer to augment traditional learning during the school day.
- **Student supports:** A range of health and social services are accessible on the school campus.
- **Family & community engagement:** Families and the community are partners in children's education, and the school becomes a neighborhood center offering enrichment opportunities for both students and adults.
- **Collaborative leadership:** A culture of shared governance and collective decision-making advances a unified vision to identify needs and provide appropriate resources and solutions in the school and community.