

1st Semester Newsletter

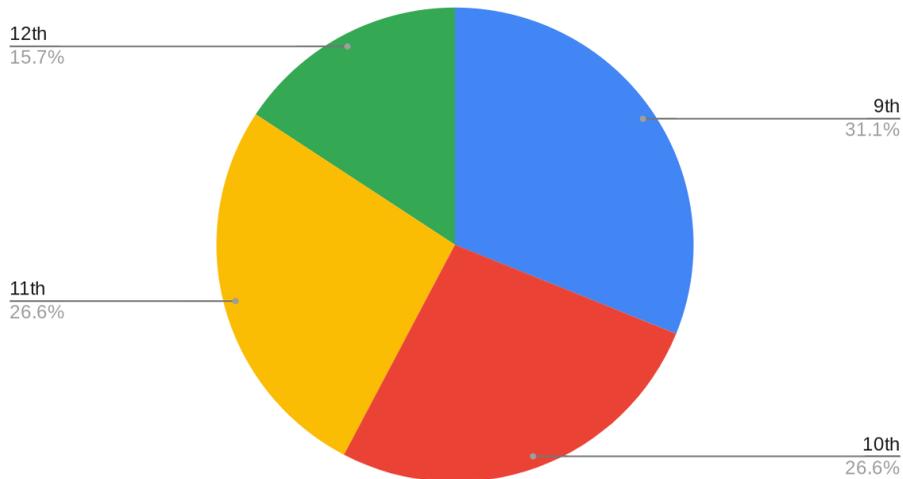


This year has been unprecedented for all involved! Covid has changed so much about how we serve our students and the ways in which we function as a team. This year we returned early as a team to ensure that incoming 9th focal graders and their families had a point of contact for their questions and concerns. We created a welcome video for all families, sent out individual newsletters introducing each counselor, created a rap video for orientation, and sent a survey to all focal students to gather contact information and get a sense of how they would like to be served while school is closed. Ms. Malhi taught a BCC class for incoming freshmen to help aid in the transition to distance learning in high school over the summer and taught counseling 57 in the Fall. She also continues to co lead the Green Dot program as we all continue to support the efforts that began last spring around addressing sexual harassment. We can also safely say that despite the distance, the students feel connected and supported by their teachers and cannot wait to return to campus! This is a testament to the hard work, dedication and care you all have shown. Our team appreciates it immensely!

DATA

We began the school year with 309 focal students but are down to **286 focal students** at the end of the semester! Covid led to the relocation of some students to ISP, while several freshmen opted to enroll in schools that offered in person instruction. The non-focal student caseload reached over 82 students bringing the total number of students served to over 370 students!

Grade Breakdown for Focal Students



By the numbers:

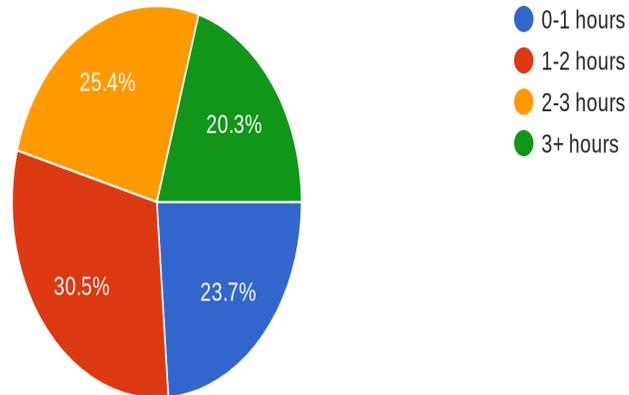
- ★ The intervention counselors provided students with direct contact via Zoom, text, and email (when texting was unavailable).
 - Each focal student received an **average of 15 contacts**.
 - Family and Guardian contacts: 405 contacts
 - 82 non focal students received **671** direct contacts.
 - In person contacts (via Zoom. No in person sessions were held) **made up 15%** of the direct contacts
 - Total Direct Service Contact to focal students: **4413**
 - **Total Number of contacts: 5,489 contacts**

Survey Results

We decided to distribute an end of the semester survey to focal students to gain some insight into how they are coping with distance learning. It is clear in working with our students that they would like to return to campus for in person support. We are committed to working towards doing so ASAP when it is safe. We still continue to receive feedback into break but had received 59 responses as of the time of this newsletter (roughly 21% of the focal students). The results of the survey are below:

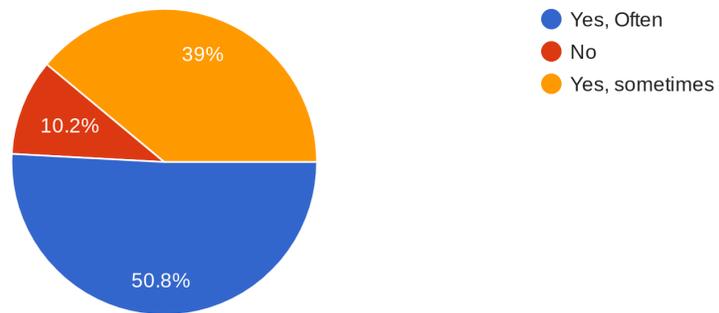
How many hours are you spending on school work outside of your zoom meetings per day

59 responses



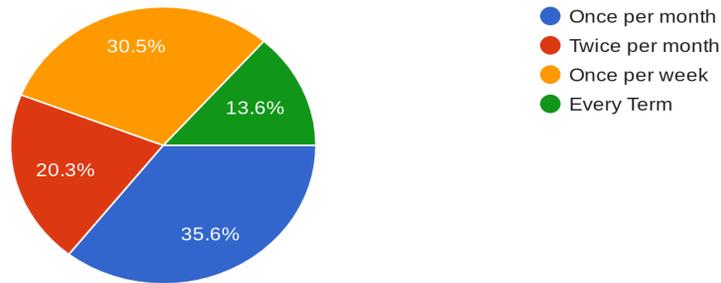
Are you feeling unmotivated doing distance learning?

59 responses



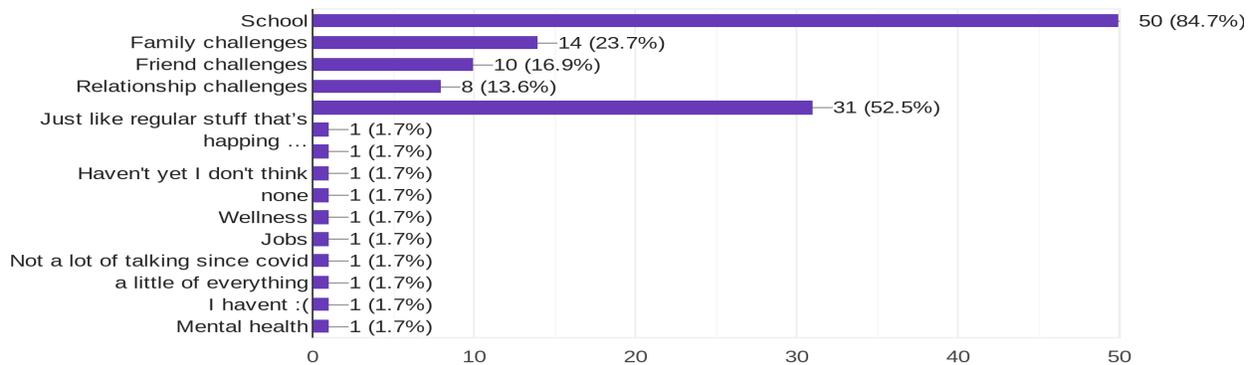
How frequently would you like to be in communication with your intervention counselor?

59 responses



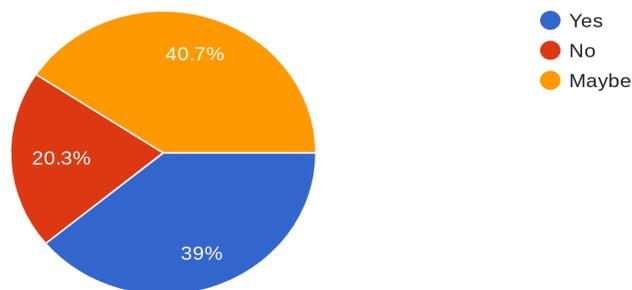
What have you been checking in with your counselor about? Check all that apply

59 responses



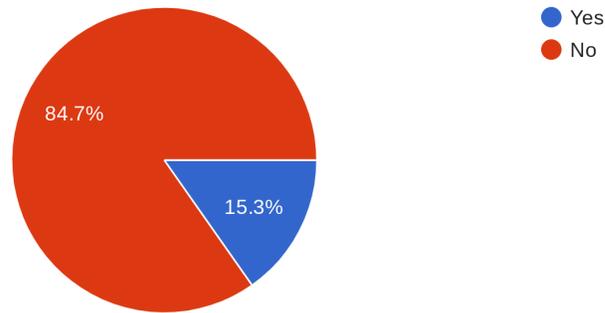
If we had the option to meet on campus for tutoring, counseling, groups, etc, would be interested?

59 responses



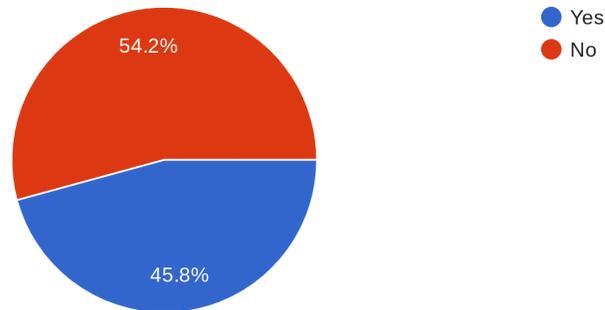
Are you currently working?

59 responses



Are you caring for siblings or having to help them with distance learning during the day?

59 responses



Whats Next:

We continue to love our jobs and are committed to working together to find creative solutions to the challenges of providing intervention support remotely. While we hope we can resume in person support soon, we are also taking advantage of having the time to reflect, adjust and improve our program. We are looking at ways to coordinate with Google to provide a virtual alternative to the annual field trip we used to do. As always we strive to do better and more every year. We welcome your collaboration, partnership, and any feedback or questions!

Thank you for all you do,

Jasdeep, Jessie and Nashwa