

Examples of School-Based Mental Health Services Chart

State	Legislation/Program	Notes
Arkansas	Act 190	"School Counseling Improvement Act of 2019" This bill is meant to reduce administrative duties of school counselors so they can spend 90% or more of their working hours face to face with students, providing services rather than doing paperwork.
California	SB 75	The Mental Health Student Services Act (MHSSA) is a grant program established to encourage, through funding, partnerships between county behavioral health departments and school districts for the purpose of increasing access to mental health services in schools, where they are most accessible to students and their families. The California Mental Health Services Oversight & Accountability Commission awards grants totaling \$75 million dollars over a four-year grant cycle, and the awarded funds must be used to provide support services that include, at a minimum, services provided on school campuses, suicide prevention services, drop-out prevention services, placement assistance and service plans for students in need of ongoing services, and outreach to high-risk youth, including foster youth, youth who identify as LGBTQ, and youth who have been expelled or suspended from school.
Illinois	SB 565	This bill requires social and emotional screenings for children as a part of their school entry examinations.
Indiana	SB 246	This bill requires schools to have a partnership with a community mental health organization that can provide services to students before they can apply for grants awarded from the Secured School fund.
Kansas	Sub SB423	This program was first piloted in the 2018-2019 school year in 9 schools; the idea was to increase access to mental health service providers in schools, especially in Western Kansas where the need is no where near met by school personnel alone; the program allowed schools to partner with community mental health centers to provide services students.
Maryland	HB0496	\$10M allocated to expansion of mental health services within schools (among other measures + stipulations)
Minnesota	Minnesota Statutes 245.4901	Fifty-seven mental health providers were awarded a total of \$11 million per year for three years to bring mental health services to over one-half of Minnesota schools. Grantees offer mental health services in schools, including assessment, treatment and care coordination, teacher consultation and school-wide trainings.
Texas	SB 11 (See TCHAT)	Texas Senate Bill 11 established the Texas Child Mental Health Consortium (TCMHC), who were responsible for the creation of five major child mental health initiatives, one of which is a school-based health access program called Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine (TCHAT). Services provided through TCHAT include assessment and triage, connections to care, and brief mental health interventions.

PLEASE NOTE: These are examples of an array of state initiatives for providing mental health services in schools. States that are not listed here may still have legislation or programs regarding school-based mental health services, as this is not meant to be a comprehensive list given the complexity of the topic.