

Hillman Jr/Sr High School

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**Mission**

To educate and inspire all students to achieve their maximum potential.

Vision

Preparing our learning community for the reality of tomorrow.

Core Values

Achievement – We will reach our goals!

Excellence – We give our best!

Integrity – We do the right thing!

Hillman Elementary School began a journey eight years ago to make a positive support system that could support all students with their social, emotional, and academic needs. We knew we needed to be preventative and not reactive in order to decrease our referrals and support teaching and learning - thus the WIT room was born.

A Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is a comprehensive framework comprising a collection of research-based strategies designed to meet the individual needs and assets of the whole child. The MTSS framework provides schools and districts with an efficient way to organize resources to support educators in the implementation of effective practices with fidelity so that all learners succeed.

Hillman Elementary created an environment where students could go with a supportive adult to get support with their individual needs. Students could go to the WIT room to get support when needed by self advocating for their needs or could be sent by their teacher if they see a break is needed. While in the WIT room students get the support they need so they can return to the classroom feeling confident to face the remainder of the day.

Some students have schedule breaks for check in weekly/daily while others access the WIT room on an as needed basis. The tiers of support are a huge part of MTSS. They get more intense from one level to the next. For example, a child getting small group interventions may need to “move up” to one-on-one help.

Tier 1: The whole class. All students in the general education classroom are in this tier. Teachers use instruction that’s proven to work. Students may work in small groups based on their strengths and areas of need. The school monitors all kids’ progress. A student who is struggling may move to Tier 2.

Tier 2: Small group interventions. Students in Tier 2 still attend Tier 1 lessons with the rest of the class. But they get more targeted support through small group lessons. It can also mean special teaching, called interventions. A student who isn’t making progress may stay in Tier 2 or move to Tier 3.

Tier 3: Intensive individualized support. This tier can mean small group work or individual lessons. Students in Tier 3 still spend a lot of the day in the general education classroom

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This year (2024) Hillman Community Schools will be honored at the MiMTSS conference for our work on MTSS Supports that directly come from the WIT room and other positive behavior supports that all staff and students engage in daily. Our current discipline rates have decreased significantly by over 80% and reading scores have raised from 54% to 68% making gains or being proficient overall. Hillman Elementary School uses a three tiered system to support students. The WIT room is used to support tiers II and III.

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Vision: Successful life-long learners who are ready for college, career, and life in an ever-changing world.

Mission: Inspiring each student to reach their maximum potential through a collaborative, rigorous and student-focused education.

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