



The Jed Foundation announces a \$280K grant for up to nine (9) PA Principals Association member's high schools to partner in the JED High School program.

The Jed Foundation (JED) and the Pennsylvania Principals Association have extended their partnership to equip school leaders with evidence-based systems, tools and resources to support student mental health. Through generous philanthropic support, JED has allocated \$280K in grant funding to underwrite 90% (\$31,500) of the JED High School program fee (\$35,000 per school) for up to nine (9) PA Principals Association member's schools beginning in Winter 2024.

JED High Schools is a 3-year technical assistance program that creates a culture of caring that protects student mental health, reduces substance misuse, and prevents suicide. In partnership with JED, schools put in place systems, programs and policies that:

- Enhance social connectedness and a positive school climate,
- Deepen student life-skills programming.
- Increase help-seeking behaviors.
- Improve recognition and response to signs of students at distress and risk.
- Promote well-being and access to mental health services.
- Fortify crisis management procedures.
- Promote lethal means safety.

Included in JED High School

- Support in creating steering committees to oversee mental health planning;
- Pre/post administration of organizational assessment, staff survey, and student survey;
- Presentation of feedback report at an in-person school visit;
- Support in the creation of Strategic Plan to enhance policies, programs, and systems based on the seven domains of the Comprehensive Approach to Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention for High Schools;
- Ongoing, customized technical assistance from a dedicated JED School Mental Health Specialist;
- Detailed summary report comparing pre/post assessments and surveys; and,
- Participation in the JED High School Learning Community.

Administrators and staff at schools interested in partnering with JED High School will already recognize the need to strengthen student mental health supports and systems, will have full support and commitment from their staff, Board, etc., are potentially under-resourced, and ready to commit to sustainable improvement.

Next steps:

- Review the attached information.
- Complete the [Interest Form](#) no later than October 20, 2023.
- [Register](#) for the JED High School Information on October 25, 2023, from 3-4pm ET or schedule a separate meeting for your team [here](#).