

Module 5: SchooLink Thresholds



SchooLink thresholds represent the commitment between schools, districts, SchooLink providers and the County. Ultimately, the goal is to ensure resources are optimally deployed so that students receive the services they need in a timely and efficient manner. Achieving the thresholds, requires commitment, communication and collaboration between schools and SchooLink providers.



SchooLink Thresholds - Providers

Minimum Commitment by SchooLink Provider for Mental Health and SUD:

- Clinician shall be deployed to each designated school at least weekly
- Clinician shall be on campus for a minimum of four hours per visit
- Clinician shall have the capacity to serve 5 clients per visit
- On average, each client shall receive 10+ services on the school campus
- On average, each client shall receive 10+ weeks of services
- Provider shall review the threshold data quarterly for each designated school and communicate progress with their school partners.

SchooLink Thresholds - Schools

Minimum Commitment by School:

- Identify a consistent, private, space for clinician(s) on each of their assigned day(s) and time(s)
- Make sufficient referrals that lead to a minimum of 5 active clients served by SchooLink provider
- Make sufficient referrals that lead to a minimum of 10 annual clients served by SchooLink provider

Resources

- [HHSA-BHS SchoolLink Threshold Guidelines Memo 7.1.2019](#)
- [SchoolLink Threshold Letter to School Administrators 8.1.2019](#)

Key Terms

Behavioral health services: A continuum of prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery support services for mental health and substance use.

County-funded: Services funded through the County of San Diego's Health & Human Services Agency's Behavioral Health Services Division.

Provider: Unless otherwise specified, a County-funded behavioral health provider.

Key Point

Minimum thresholds are discussed at the Annual Meeting and evaluated by SchoolLink provider quarterly. When thresholds are not met, dialog between the school and SchoolLink provider should occur to address barriers and evaluate if services are needed on the campus.

School District and County Monitor need to be engaged in dialog if barriers persist or services on the school campuses are no longer needed.

Administrative Information

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