

At Heaton, we have an Attendance Team that supports the needs of students to ensure they are attending school on a daily basis. The team consists of the Principal, Ms. Cardinal, along with our two Assistant Principals, Mr. Crowell and Mr. Odell. Additionally, our team consists of our counselors, community advocate and behavior interventionist.

Our team meets weekly to discuss student attendance and ways to support their individual needs. Meet our team and learn about what role they play in supporting attendance.



Mr. Gonzales, Heaton's Community Advocate, supports the needs of our students in many ways. One way, he works to support students is to work with families to help with student attendance. Mr. Gonzales gathers information from our Administrative team, Counselors, Behavior Interventionist and teachers to help students and families regarding student attendance. If students start accruing multiple absences marking that they are on trend to be "chronically absent", he will reach out to families via phone calls, home visits or family attendance meetings at the school. These meetings address needs and place students on Attendance Contracts to ensure students attend daily. Mr. Gonzales also works with the District Attendance Team to file the appropriate paperwork for students who are considered "truant" from school. He attends court weekly to report to the Judge the progress students are making in their school attendance. Mr. Gonzales can be contacted at 719-549-7807 or [michael.rgonzales@pueblocitieschools.us](mailto:michael.rgonzales@pueblocitieschools.us)



Ms. Laydon and Mrs. Cotter, Heaton's Counselors, work to support the academic, social, and emotional needs of Heaton students. When focusing on attendance, the counselors seek to understand why students may not be attending school. Both of the counselors track student attendance and report concerns to both the Administrative team and Mr. Gonzales. Our counselors meet with families and students and they focus on the social/emotional needs of our students, develop individualized plans and run special social/emotional counseling groups to help students. Ms. Laydon is our counselor for the 6th grade class and 7th grade students with last names M-Z. Mrs. Cotter is our counselor for the 8th grade class and 7th grade students with last names A-L

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Mrs. Canchola, our Behavior Interventionist, works with students who may have behavioral concerns, are disruptive to the classroom environment, and/or are being referred to the office. Our main goal is to keep students in school, but their behaviors might prevent that from happening. Ms. Canchola's main goal when working with students is also to seek to understand why the student might be struggling in the classroom setting which could lead to attendance issues. She works with students so they can remain at school, rather than be dismissed from school for inappropriate behaviors. Ms. Canchola offers students the opportunity to engage in the "Why Try" curriculum and places students on behavior contracts to establish behavior expectations. She also works with Mr. Gonzales and our Administrative team in the event students need additional support when dealing with their attendance, behaviors and grades. Ms. Canchola can be reached at 549-7804 or [rachel.canchola@pueblocitieschools.us](mailto:rachel.canchola@pueblocitieschools.us).