



Student Board of Education (SBOE)

Lifting student voice to empower change

JFK has implemented a significant amount of positive school climate programming in order to create an inclusive and safe learning environment for all students. Details beyond the Summary Narrative are outlined below.

School-wide Advisory Class

All students are required to participate in Advisory, a class occurring four times per week that offers academic and social-emotional lessons. Advisory was implemented after successful advocacy efforts from JFK's Student Board of Education (SBOE). The SBOE has been featured in the *DPS Student Voice and Leadership Newsletter* because of this work with Advisory.

The Advisory class was incorporated with the intention of setting time aside each day to build relationships with staff and fellow students, as well as to disseminate important school culture, career, and college information. The Advisory period also became a platform to introduce "Positive Action," a universal, anti-bullying and positive school climate curriculum that helps students and staff build a common vocabulary of respect.

JFK's Advisory Schedule Includes:

- **Mondays** - *Grade/Attendance Check & Goal Setting*: Students review their grades and attendance with their Advisory Teacher and set weekly goals accordingly
- **Tuesdays & Wednesdays** - *Positive Action Program*: JFK is piloting the universal, evidence-based anti-bullying/positive school climate curriculum "Positive Action." This program has over 37 years of positive Whole Child outcomes, including increases in grade retention, decreases in discipline referrals/suspensions, decreases in truancy, etc. Positive Action is also the only non-academic curriculum that research shows increases read and math scores, particularly for high poverty groups (which aligns with JFK student demographics).
- **Thursdays** - *SBOE Student-Created Life Skills Lessons*: SBOE students create weekly "life skills" lessons to educate students on important life skills that are not normally included in the academic learning environment. Classes have included financial literacy, resume workshops, etc.



The 2019-2020 JFK Student Board of Education (SBOE)

The group advocates for student needs, stronger staff-student relationships, and student-developed "life skills" lessons delivered weekly during JFK's whole-school advisory period