What is a P&I Specialist?
A P&I Specialist is someone who specializes in providing prevention and intervention services for students. P&I Specialists are school-based personnel designated to assist students who may benefit from behavioral, emotional, or social supports. Each specialist is trained in the delivery of evidence-based practices and programs.

Who can receive services?
Any RCPS student may be referred for P&I services. The P&I Specialist will complete an intake process and obtain parent consent for services. A student may be referred by the school counselor, teacher, administrator, or parent. If a parent is interested in his/her child meeting with a P&I Specialist, the parent should contact the counselor or administrator at his/her child’s school or use the QR Code. The P&I collaborates with teachers, counselors, and administrators to develop plans and monitor student progress.

When are services provided?
Services are provided during school hours. P&I Specialists work with teachers to determine the best time to meet with students. Students meet with their specialists, at a minimum, once a week for about thirty minutes to an hour.

How do you know which services to recommend?
Each student who is referred to the Prevention & Intervention Program completes a screening process. Next, the P&I Specialist collaborates with the student’s teacher, counselor, administrator, and parent(s) to determine the best course of action.

What type of services are available?
**Individual** - The P&I Specialist provides individual services with the student and monitors the plan each month. At the end of the initial thirty days, the P&I Specialist monitors the student’s progress to determine if further intervention is necessary. If the student has met his/her goals, he/she may transition out of the program.

**Group** - From time-to-time, depending on the needs at a particular school, a P&I Specialist may conduct a group intervention (e.g., Too Good for Violence, ART, and other evidence-based practices). Group interventions meet weekly between forty-five minutes to an hour.

**Check and Connect** - It is a structured mentoring intervention to promote student engagement and increase learning and student relations. Students are referred because of at-risk behaviors such as poor attendance, behavioral issues, and/or low grades.

**Check-In/Check-Out** – It is a brief encounter with a student to reinforce expectations. The P&I Specialist would monitor how the student is doing based on agreed upon goal(s) for attendance, behavior, and/or academics. The intervention can be used for students who are not assigned to the P&I caseload.