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- Fort Hays State University (FHSU) is a regional comprehensive university in the state of Kansas.
- Academic year 2017-2018 enrollment figures indicate a total student population of 15,100.
- The University has three teaching modalities:
  - on-campus with an enrollment of 4,763
  - Virtual College with an enrollment of 6,882
  - China with 3,570 students at partner universities.

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- FHSU sits in the small rural community of Hays, Kansas which has a population of approximately 20,000.
- Hays is roughly halfway between Kansas City and Denver, Colorado, each being about a five-hour drive.
- Wichita, Kansas is the closest metropolitan area located about three hours from Hays

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- FHSU serves western Kansas and is the only four year university in the western half of the state.
- Western Kansas is rural, with a sparse and declining population. Its only demographic increase is seen in migrants coming from Mexico
  - The University saw a 77.7% increase in its Hispanic student enrollment over the past five years
- All of the counties in western Kansas are designated as mental health provider shortage areas.

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- According to Collegeportraits.org, 28% of FHSU undergraduates are low-income

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- FHSU has adopted a very proactive stance towards mental health services for its students due to its isolation from many services for its diverse population.
- To meet the mental health needs of its population, FHSU staffs a comprehensive counseling center (Kelly Center) which includes both mental health and addiction counseling.
  - On-call crisis services are available 24 -7 for high-risk counseling center clients and crisis responses to residential life.
  - Housed within the Division of Student Affairs, the center is primarily responsible for providing counseling services and outreach programming to the University

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- FHSU has a Behavioral Intervention Team in place that is chaired by the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs. Its members include key representatives from Athletics, Residential Life, University Police, Virtual College, Counseling Center, and Academic Affairs.
- The team's goal is to identify, track, and respond to or address students exhibiting behaviors that affect the FHSU community. To better achieve this goal.

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- The following individuals make up the regular BIT team:
  - Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs – Student Life Cluster (Chair)
  - University Police Chief
  - University Police Deputy
  - Director of the Kelly Center
  - **Compliance Officer/Deputy Title IX Coordinator/Lead Investigator (Amy Schaffer)**
  - Assistant Athletic Director
  - Coordinator of Student Accessibility Services
  - Director of Virtual College
  - Academic Appointee – Typically a Dean
  - Residential Life Director

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- The BIT meets as needed typically on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm.
- On the 4th Tuesday of every month we meet to discuss cases along with concerns and trends we see on campus that do not rise to the level of needing a BIT determination.

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- Maxient is used to track incidents for the BIT team.
- In 2019, we have 31 cases that are specifically labeled as a Behavioral Concern or Mental Health Concern that we are tracking.
- BIT has removed 2 students for Mental Health Issues and one for sexual assault.
- We are attempting to better track all cases that come through BIT but it is a work in progress right now.

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JED CAMPUS

- Last year Fort Hays State University Achieved Alumni Status in the JED Campus Initiative

*The JED Foundation's Campus Program is a national initiative designed to help colleges and universities create and implement a strategic plan to promote mental health, prevent suicide and limit substance use on college campuses*