

How and Why do Parents Contact the School Counselor?

Concerns over student achievement
Family health problems
Test interpretation

Discussing special needs of their child
Early discussion of potential crises
Family difficulties or concerns

- Parents can call or email the School Counselor at any time to set-up a conference. *

KIDS DON'T CARE HOW MUCH YOU KNOW UNTIL THEY KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CARE

How Does a Student See a Counselor?

Self-referral
Request of the counselor
Parent referral
Administrative referral
Teacher or other staff referral
Referral by friends

Counseling Mission Statement

The mission of the Crestwood Elementary School Counseling Program is to work with young students to meet their academic, personal/social, and career needs. Counseling services will be preventative and responsive. As advocates for young people the counseling program will provide equitable access of services to all students. Counselors will assist students to become responsible citizens, life-long learners, and productive members of our community. The counseling staff believes in a collaborative process where students, family, members of the community, and staff are united in a caring community of learners, working together to promote an appropriate environment.



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Introducing Your SCHOOL COUNSELORS



Crestwood Elementary

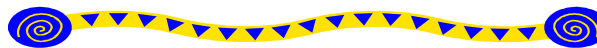
School Counselors help children by . . .

- Promoting positive attitudes among students toward self, family, peers and community.
- Assisting students in learning how school performance relates to future opportunities.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills such as healthy decision making, resolving conflicts and respecting others.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents and teachers to identify and remove barriers to learning.
- Supporting students by teaching skills for achieving success.
- Helping students to recognize and make the best of their abilities.
- Counseling with students individually and in groups
- Providing support during personal crisis.
- Orienting new students.



Counselors are the heart of the school by . . .

- Helping create a safe school environment where children can learn.
- Working with students on attendance issues.
- Coordinating referrals to outside agencies.
- Helping design interventions to enhance student success.
- Developing community partnerships to enhance student career awareness.
- Helping teachers create a positive learning environment.
- Helping students learn anger management, conflict resolution, and mediation skills.
- Helping parents, teachers, administrators to learn how to meet the needs of all students.



The Role of the School Counselor:
The role of a School Counselor is to deliver the counseling program. Components of the counseling program include classroom guidance, individual counseling, group counseling, consultation, referral, crisis counseling, and support of members for the school, the family, and the community.

School Counselors Can Help in Many Situations

“I’m new here and I’m having trouble making friends.”

“My parents are getting a divorce. I don’t know what’s going to happen.”

“I have a lot of difficulty dealing with my step-child.”

“Nina scores high on standardized tests but hardly makes passing grades in school.”

“Kim always tells me she doesn’t have homework, but I found out she isn’t doing it.”

“I need some ideas for helping students to get along with each other.”

“Miguel hasn’t been himself lately. He seems to be preoccupied with something.”

“I have a bad temper and need to learn how to control it.”

“Eric has been absent from school an awful lot this year.”

“My dad gets so angry when he’s been drinking.”