How and Why do Parents Contact the School Counselor?



Concerns over student achievement or social difficulties Family health problems Adjustment to new school Discussing special needs of their child Family difficulties or concerns

Parents can call the school counselor at any time for a phone conference or to set up a time to meet with the school counselor.

All kids have gifts; our job is to help them unwrap them.

How Does a Student See a School Counselor?

Asks for an appointment with the counselor The counselor asks to see him/her Parent referral Administrative referral Teacher or other staff referral Referral by friend(s) Recommendation from self or others to be included in a small group (with parent permission).

**Confidentiality*: Students have a right to confidentiality with the exception of reasonable belief that the student is in danger of being harmed or may harm him/herself. However, a record of interactions (not content) will be available at parent's request.

School Counseling,



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School Counselors help

children by . . .

- Promoting positive attitudes among students toward self, family, peers and community.
- Counseling with students individually and in groups
- Assisting students in learning how school performance relates to future opportunities.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills such as positive decision making, resolving conflicts and respecting others.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents and teachers for student success.
- Supporting students by teaching social skills.
- Helping students to recognize and make the best of their abilities.
- 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 plan or carry out 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, communication and social skills.
- Helping parents, teachers, administrators meet the needs of all students.



School Counselors Can Help in Many Situations

Students:

"My parents are getting a divorce. I don't know what's going to happen."

"I'm new here and I'm having trouble making friends."

"I'm worried about my grandma who's sick."

Parents:

"I have a lot of difficulty dealing with my stepchild."

"Fred scores high on standardized tests but hardly makes passing grades in school."

"Sally always tells me she doesn't have homework, but I found out she isn't doing it."

Staff:

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

"Bob hasn't been himself lately. He seems too preoccupied with something."

"Mary has been absent from school an awful lot this year."

And many more...