### **Mission of School Counselor:**

The mission of the school counselor is to provide a comprehensive school counseling program focused on the socio-emotional, cognitive and career development of every student.

# **Vision: Beliefs/Philosophies of School Counselor:**

- 1. All students are important and valuable and should be respected for their individuality and uniqueness.
- All students should have access to a rigorous and quality education in a safe and nurturing learning environment.
- 3. All students can learn and be successful.
- 4. All students should have equal access to a comprehensive school counseling program.
- All students can become selffulfilled adult citizens who are responsible and contributing members of the world.

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# **Why Elementary School Counselors?**

"Elementary school years set the tone for developing the knowledge, attitudes and skill necessary for children to become healthy, competent and confident learners. Through a comprehensive developmental school counseling program, school counselors work as a team with the school staff, parents and the community to create a caring climate and atmosphere. By providing education, prevention, early identification and intervention, school counselors can help all children achieve academic success. American School Counselor Association.

### The Counselor may see students for:

#### **Classroom Guidance**

The counselor will meet with all students for quidance classes throughout the school year. In guidance, students will develop an awareness of self, others and the world around them through topics related to social-emotional learning. character education, bullying prevention, friendships, and college/careers.

#### **Small Group Counseling**

In small groups, students meet with the counselor along with other students to develop similar skills. Students may engage in activities to help with school success skills, social skills, coping skills, decision-making skills, self-esteem, friendship skills and leadership skills.

#### Individual Counseling

The counselor meets with students individually. Students may be self-referred, teacher-referred, parent-referred or referred by a school administrator. No concern is too big or too small.

# How does a student see the counselor individually or in a small group?

- Self- referral
- Parent referral
- **Teacher referral**
- Administrator referral
- Counselor initiated



#### What is a Counselor?

A **counselor** is someone who listens no matter what you say.

A counselor is someone you can talk to when you feel confused.

A **counselor** is someone you can talk to when you want to share something special.

A **counselor** is someone you can talk to when you feel angry.

A counselor is someone you can talk to when you feel worried.

A **counselor** is someone you can talk to when you feel proud.

A counselor is someone you can talk to when you feel scared.

A counselor is someone you can talk to when you feel sad.

A **counselor** is someone you can talk to when you feel lonely.

A **counselor** is someone who is always a friend.

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