

**SCHOOL
COUNSELING
DEPARTMENT
GOAL**



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VISION

Southside Middle School Counseling Program contributes to the development of productive, educated citizens by providing excellence in counseling services in a safe, positive student environment where culture and diversity are valued and the dignity and respect of each student is maintained.



**SOUTHSIDE
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**H O M E O F T H E
M I G H T Y
K N I G H T S**

"I AM A KNIGHT

**I AM KNOWLEDGEABLE,
NOBLE, INDUSTRIOUS,
GOAL-ORIENTED, HELPFUL
AND TALENTED**

**I WILL PUT FORTH MY
BEST EFFORTS TODAY IN
ALL THAT I DO...AND TOGETHER,
WE ARE SOUTHSIDE STRONG!"**

MISSION

Southside Middle School Counseling Program partners with families, community, and educational personnel to help all students acquire the academic, career and personal/social competencies necessary to become responsible citizens, productive workers and lifelong learners.

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What is a School Counselor?

A school counselor is a member of the education team, and is someone who gives valuable assistance to students, helping them with their academic goals, their social and personal development, and with their college and career development. School Counselors provide immediate and short-term individual counseling.

HOW CAN MY CHILD GET COUNSELING SERVICES?

- Self-Referral
- Teacher Referral
- Parent Referral
- Request of the Counselor
- Administrative Referral

What do students talk about with a school counselor?

Friendship, Bullying, Decision Making/ Problem Solving Skills, Feelings, Self-Esteem, Transitions, Conflict Resolutions, Social Skills, Career Awareness and Study Skills.

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL COUNSELORS DO NOT PROVIDE THERAPY OR TRADITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING. SERVICES ARE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT FOR ANY MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS.

COUNSELING

Services

Counselor:

- ◆ Classroom Guidance
- ◆ Small Group Counseling
- ◆ Individual Counseling
- ◆ Crisis Counseling
- ◆ Crisis Response Team

Collaborator:

- ◆ Student Observations
- ◆ Teacher/Counseling Planning
- ◆ Conferences
- ◆ In-services for teachers

Consultant:

- ◆ Referral to community resources and agencies
- ◆ Parent Conferences:



Parent Teacher

Virtual Conference

Schedule a virtual conference for your student.



EMPOWERING STUDENTS

Beliefs of your School Counselor

- ◆ Allow students to develop a sense of belonging
- ◆ Promote school as a safe haven for students
- ◆ Involve parents in their student's education
- ◆ Help students understand themselves as learners and encourage them to develop skills that will enable them to reach their academic potential
- ◆ Identify factors that impact learning and determine a course of action to provide appropriate support.
- ◆ Empowering our students everyday to 'Be our Best' selves.

