

Can include but not limited to:

Students

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- Getting along with Family
- Grief, Loss and Divorce
- Bullying and harassment
 Desitive Support
- Positive SupportAcademic Concerns
- Social/Emotional Issues

Parents

- Home and School Communication
- Developmental Behavior Concerns
- Academic Transitions
- Parental Resources

HOW TO SEE THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR

- Self Referral
- Parent Referral
- Teacher/Staff Referral
- Referral by friend

The elementary school counselors welcome parent involvement. Parents are invited to contact their child's counselor with any concerns, input and/or requests for assistance regarding their child.

Together we are a team!

Informed Consent Guidelines

The general function of professional school counselors in the Blue Valley School District is to promote and enhance the learning process. Working with students in an individual or group setting, school counselors assist students in: assessing personal needs; identifying obstacles that may be hindering student success; and developing a plan of action to manage the obstacles. Student participation in individual or group meetings with a counselor is voluntary.

All Blue Valley School District professional school counselors are expected to adhere to the ethical guidelines and standards of practice outlined in the American School Counselor Association- <u>Ethical Standards for School Counselors</u>, <u>1998</u> and the American Counseling Association – <u>Code of Ethics</u>.

Communication between the professional school counselor and counselee (student) is considered to be confidential. The professional school counselor is expected to keep information confidential unless disclosure is required to prevent clear and imminent danger to the counselee or others or when legal requirements mandated by law (i.e., abuse, maltreatment, or neglect) demand that confidential information be revealed.

As appropriate, and consistent with ethical responsibilities to the school counselee, the professional school counselor will make reasonable effort to honor the requests of parents or guardians concerning the information that he/she may share regarding the counselee.

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Counseling
Program in the
Blue Valley
Schools



Education Beyond Expectations



Who is the Elementary **School Counselor**

A member of the Elementary School Professional Learning Community team who is a licensed teacher and has a master's degree and certification in counseling. The role of an elementary school counselor is defined by the Blue Valley Comprehensive K-12 Counseling Program and encompasses three components:

Counseling and Responsive Services

- Provide individual and group counseling
- Present information to classrooms or other large groups
- Consult and collaborate with teachers. staff and parents

Teaming

- Coordinate the delivery of K-12 Counseling Curriculum
- Promote effective communication between the school, home and community

Personal Life Planning

- Assist students in planning, monitoring, and managing educational, personal, social and career-life development
- Assist students and parents in the understanding of the results of assessment instruments.

The standards in the Elementary School Counseling Curriculum.

The student will:

- Acquire knowledge, attitudes, and interpersonal skills to help them understand and respect self and others.
- Make decisions, set goals, and take necessary action to achieve goals.
- Understand personal safety skills.
- · Acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the life span.
- Complete school with the academic preparation to choose from postsecondary options.
- Understand the relationship of academics to the world of work and to life.
- Acquire the skills to investigate the world of work in relation to knowledge of self and to make informed career decisions.
- Employ strategies to achieve future career goals with success and satisfaction.
- Understand the relationship between personal qualities, education, training, and the world of work.

Who seeks help from the **School Counselor?**

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Resources

Please contact the counselor for more information about:

Child care

Referrals, assistance, extra circular activities (scholarships may be available), child development programs

Goods

Furniture, clothing, appliances, household items, toys,

Education services

GED, diploma completion programs, ESL, financial aid, employment training, programs for mothers, rehabilitation services for disabled

Employment

Career counseling, available job opportunities in the area, workshops, resume and application assistance, unemployment information

Food assistance

Health assistance

Clinics, programs, vision, dental, mental, prescription, insurance information

Legal assistance

Gender inclusion resources

Hotline

Cancer, child protection, domestic violence, sexual assault, battered persons hotline, shelter information

