



### HOW THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR CAN HELP

Can include but not limited to:

#### Students

- Friendship Issues
- Getting along with Family
- Grief, Loss and Divorce
- Bullying and harassment
- Positive Support
- Academic 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- *Ethical Standards for School Counselors, 1998* and the American Counseling Association – *Code of Ethics*.

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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# Elementary Counseling Program in the Blue Valley Schools



Education Beyond Expectations

