

What Do School Counselors Do?

As counselors at Victory Middle school, we work with students, teachers, staff and parents as partners in learning and in preparing students for their future. We work under the Comprehensive School Counseling model to meet the needs of all students in three over-arching categories: academic, personal/social and career and college readiness. We accomplish this through collaboration with administration, teachers, parents and of course, students.

The VMS counseling services include, but are not limited to: classroom guidance lessons, individual counseling, small group counseling, parent consultation, parent education and community resource referrals. It is our hope that you will utilize the services the counseling department offers in the spirit of partnership toward school success.

Please Note: School counselors do not provide therapy in the school setting. Referrals to outside agencies and services are available for your child upon request for a wide range of mental health or situational concerns.

Students, we are here to help you...

- ◆ Work on friendship issues
- ◆ Talk about your feelings and emotions (thoughts of suicide, anger, sadness, anxiety, fear)
- ◆ Brainstorm potential solutions to solve problems
- ◆ Feel accepted for the amazing individual that you are
- ◆ Learn about how to make decisions and accept the consequences of those decisions
- ◆ Explore potential career and college options
- ◆ Deal with peer pressure and bullying
- ◆ Feel safe and accepted
- ◆ Succeed in school
- ◆ With struggles at home

Parents, we are here to help you...

- ◆ Explore ways to help your child succeed academically, socially and emotionally
- ◆ Brainstorm strategies for improving parent-child communication
- ◆ Collaborate to meet the personal, social and academic needs of your child
- ◆ Connect you with community resources
- ◆ Provide Parent Education opportunities on a variety of current trends
- ◆ Bridge the gap between elementary & middle school and middle school & high school

Services Provided

- ◆ Classroom Presentations
- ◆ Small Group Counseling (topics based on current needs assessment)
- ◆ Brief Solution-Focused Counseling
- ◆ 504 Accommodation Plans
- ◆ Community Resource Referrals
- ◆ Parent Consultation

Statement of Confidentiality

The counseling relationship between students and their school counselor requires an atmosphere of trust and confidence. Students will be informed that exceptions to confidentiality exist in which counselors must inform others of information they obtained in the counseling relationship in order to prevent serious and foreseeable harm to students themselves or others and if it is legally required.

Your School Counselors

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