ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE
Drexel Avenue School
Park Avenue School
Powells Lane School

Westbury School District Comprehensive
School Counseling Program
Grades 1-5
Who are your School Counseling Professionals?

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The Role of the Elementary School Counselor

Purpose

- Elementary school counselors are professional educators with a mental health perspective who understand and respond to the challenges presented by today’s diverse student population.

- Elementary school counselors don’t work in isolation; rather they are integral to the total educational program. They provide proactive leadership that engages all stakeholders in the delivery of programs and services to help students achieve school success.

Counseling/Instruction

- School Counseling includes structured lessons within the classroom for all students.

- Small group sessions (outside of the classroom) to address student needs relating to social skills, individual student responsibility, personal development and academic awareness.

- Personal Counseling includes one on one counseling for crisis-related needs and identified behaviors that hinder academic, personal and social growth.
Elementary School Counselors Implement a Comprehensive Counseling Program by Providing

**School Guidance Curriculum: Lions Quest/ Character Education**

**Social Emotional Literacy**
- Goal setting and decision-making
- Peer relationships, coping strategies and effective social skills
- Communication, problem-solving and conflict resolution

**Responsive Services**
- Individual and small-group counseling
- Individual/family/school crisis intervention
- Conflict resolution
- Consultation/collaboration
- Referrals

School Counselors Making a Difference
School Counselors provide system support to Parents, Teachers, Students, Administrators

School Counselors are an integral part of the school environment

School Counselors Provide:
- Professional development, Consultation, Collaboration and Teaming
- Parent Education, One on One Parent Conferencing
- Classroom Guidance Lessons, Classroom Speakers
- At-risk student identification and implementation of interventions to enhance success
- Crisis intervention, Community referrals, Career education, Personal student growth
- Assist with Behavioral management, School-wide needs assessments, student data and results, team building

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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.

The professional elementary school counselor holds a master’s degree and required state certification in school counseling. Maintaining certification includes on-going professional development to stay current with education reform and challenges facing today’s students.

Professional association membership enhances the school counselor’s knowledge and effectiveness.