

What Does A School Counselor Do?

This document is intended to help you understand what the role of a Professional School Counselor is, as well as what it is not. If you are ever wondering what I do or why, please ask!!

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I enjoy working with your children!!

What A School Counselor Does....	What A School Counselor Does NOT Do....
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with all students to encourage a safe school climate of trust and respect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with only special education, regular education or “problem students”
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver classroom lessons that align to ASCA standards (American School Counselor Association) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign grades after lessons or teach academic subjects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate small groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate therapy groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet individually with students to do brief, solution-focused counseling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet individually with students to do long-term mental health counseling/therapy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help students who are struggling to make positive behavior choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handle discipline and/or assign consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with parents/guardians, teachers, support staff and administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with only one person...a team approach including the School Counselor works best
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain confidentiality of students and their families unless there is a need to know and/or a safety concern 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information about students and their families to appease the curiosity of others
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide education and information about students’ social-emotional needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tell teachers how to teach in their classrooms or tell parents how to parent at home

The month of September, I will be delivering lessons utilizing Habit 2:

Begin with the End in Mind

This habit focuses on thinking about the end result. Students are encouraged to plan ahead and set goals. Personal statements include: —I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school’s mission and vision, and look for ways to be a good citizen|| (Covey S. R., 2008, p.21).

