

SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR....

- Helping develop positive attitudes among students towards self, family, and community.
- Counseling with students individually and in small groups to understand and appreciate their unique qualities and to grow personally and socially.
- School-wide Character Education Initiatives.
- Developing and delivering classroom guidance lessons that teach skills such as making healthy decisions, resolving conflicts, and respecting others.
- Collaboration with teachers and parents to meet the individualized learning needs of students.
- Working collaboratively with students, parents, and teachers to identify and remove barriers that may impede student achievement.



Professional Organizations

The school counselor's professional organizations are the American School Counselor Association, the South Dakota School Counselor's Association, and being a National Certified Counselor.

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K-5
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
COUNSELOR

The Professional School Counselor is a certified counselor with a master's degree in school counseling, including coursework in career development, human growth and behavior, appraisal, research and program evaluation, and a supervised internship. In addition to coursework, school counselors may elect to gain professional orientation through membership in American School Counselor Association and passing an exam and becoming a National Certified Counselor (NCC).

The school counselor's primary task is to help students become better learners by providing a comprehensive program that includes responsive services, individual planning, systems support, and a guidance curriculum.

Elementary counseling and guidance services are available to all students, not just those in a crisis situation.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS BELIEVE....

- Children have dignity, worth, and value as human beings.
- Children learn best when they feel good about themselves and their relationships with others.
- Children who understand their feelings are better able to control their behavior.
- Children are capable of making responsible choices.
- Attitudes formed during elementary school shape future attitudes towards learning, self, and society.
- Children need guidance and support from school, parents, and community as they seek to find their place in society.
- Schools, parents, and communities that communicate and collaborate provide the most effective support to children.

Elementary Guidance Philosophy...

- Encourage academic, personal/social, and career development based on the National Standards developed by the American School Counselors Association.
- Provide a systematic array of curriculum, interventions, and services based on student needs.
- Provide individual counseling, group counseling, classroom guidance, consultation, coordination, and curriculum development.
- Attain Baltic Elementary School's ultimate goal to be a "partnership of students, parents, staff and community members whose mission is to prepare students to be successful in life."

"I have learned that people will forget what you said; people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou