

The counseling program at Sevier Middle School is provided to help students learn about themselves. Wise choices in personal and social areas, as well as informed educational and occupational decisions are essential in the world today.

Adolescents have unique developmental needs. This time of life brings physical emotional and cognitive growth and changes. Counseling services include opportunities to enhance learning, study skills, relationships, communication with family and friends, decision making, problem solving, and the building of self-understanding. Students are encouraged to talk with their counselor about any problems they may have. By involving parents, middle school staff and the community we hope that middle school is an exciting and rewarding time for our students.

## Sevier Middle School Counseling Department Beliefs and Guiding Principals

\*Regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, cultural background, sexual orientation, disability, socio-economic status, learning ability level, or language:

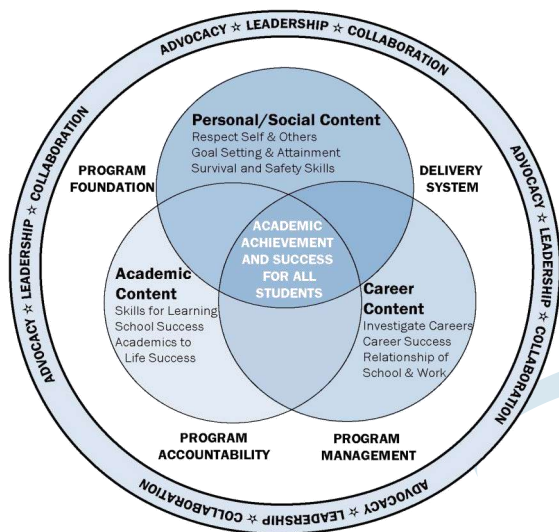
- All students have dignity and worth
- Every student can learn and achieve
- Every student has access to a Professional School Counselor
- Diversity is to be respected and appreciated as we foster unity among our students, faculty, staff, and community
- Every student will be prepared for success in post-secondary pursuits
- All students need, deserve, and must be provided a quality education
- All students should be provided with a school counseling program that will be consistent with expected developmental stages of learning.

### MISSION:

The Mission of the Sevier Middle School Counseling program is to provide all students with a data-driven comprehensive school counseling program that provides every student with a safe environment in which to develop in academics, socialization, and personal and career development. Together with the staff, faculty, administration, and community, through intentional efforts, we will enhance a high-quality learning environment that maximizes the potential of students, where all students are self-reliant, competent, creative, and successful citizens.

### VISION:

Sevier Middle School's Counseling Program will facilitate a culture of preparing students for a rapidly changing world. Every student will be prepared for success in High School and post-secondary pursuits. Every student will be prepared to develop meaningful relationships with peers and adults. Every student will be given the competencies necessary to be able to make self-directed, realistic, responsible decisions to be successful contributors to society.



# SEVIER MIDDLE SCHOOL

## School Counseling Program

*Focused . Challenged. Prepared.*



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## *The Middle School Counselors Provide...*

**Individual Counseling** – an opportunity for students to freely and confidentially about any concerns or problem of a personal, social or educational nature.

**Group Counseling** – students gather with the counselors and discuss topics of special interest. Small groups include:

New Falcons  
Middle School Success  
Teen Issues  
Clearing the Air (substance abuse)  
Friends and Allies  
Preparing for College  
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Bully Prevention  
Coping with Stress/Emotions Management  
Passing the PASS (study skills)  
Job Shadowing in Cyber Space  
Red Ribbon Student Advisory

*\*Groups occur during our Enrich time*

### **Classroom Instruction:**

Career Clusters  
Academic and Personal Goal Setting  
Bully Prevention  
Test interpretations  
Welcome to Middle School  
High School transition

### **Consultation/Team Meetings:**

Communication between the counselor, staff, administrators, parents, and other helping professionals is often necessary in order to provide the best services possible for each student. We welcome parent conferences at any time concerning student problems, adjustments, and plans.

### **ASCA Academic Development Domain:**

Registration/Scheduling  
Assistance Team/504 Team  
Academic Support  
Individual Grade Conferences  
Transition Services  
PSAT testing  
Duke TIP opportunities  
SC Junior Scholars Program

### **ASCA Career Development Domain:**

Explore testing  
SCOIS Assessments  
Individual Graduation Plans  
College and Career Resource Room  
Lunch and Learn each month  
Business Partnerships  
College and Career Fair  
Shadowing  
Tour of College  
Tour of Bonds Career Center  
Business Classroom speakers

### **ASCA Personal/Social Domain:**

Study skill or school related problems  
Friendship concerns and problems  
Self-Control/boundaries  
Difficult decisions  
Resolving conflicts  
Success and accomplishments  
Family concerns  
Happy occasions  
Death/loss or serious illness concerns  
Managing Feelings  
Classroom concerns  
Understanding Diversity  
Course Planning  
Improving academic success  
Any other area of concern.

### **School Counselors are not...**

A Disciplinarian  
An Administrator  
A Psychologist  
A Psychiatrist  
A Social Worker

### **Confidentiality:**

All personal information shared with a school counselor is confidential unless it involves:

1. Harming Self or Others
2. Abuse or Neglect

In these situations, we are required by law to report this information to parents and/or the appropriate agencies.

## **MEET OUR COUNSELORS**

**Darcy Storm:** Department Chair  
6th grade Counselor– 864-355-8203

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