

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS  
IMPLEMENT THE COUNSELING  
PROGRAM BY PROVIDING:**

**School Guidance Curriculum**

- Academic support, including organizational, study and test-taking skills
- Goal setting and decision-making
- Career awareness, exploration and planning
- Education on understanding self and others, peer relationships, coping strategies and effective social skills
- Communication, problem-solving and conflict resolution
- Substance abuse education
- Multicultural/diversity awareness

**Individual Student Planning**

- Academic planning
- Goal setting/decision-making
- Education on understanding of self, including strengths and weaknesses
- Transition plans

**Responsive Services**

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

**System Support**

- Professional development
- Consultation/collaboration and teaming
- Program management and operation

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELORS  
COLLABORATE WITH:**

**Parents**

- Parent education
- Communication/networking
- Academic planning
- College/career awareness programs
- One-on-one parent conferencing
- Interpretation of assessment results

**Teachers**

- Classroom guidance activities
- Academic support, including learning style assessment and education to help students succeed academically
- Classroom speakers
- At-risk student identification and implementation of interventions to enhance success

**Administrators**

- School climate
- Behavioral management plans
- School-wide needs assessments
- Student data and results
- Student assistance team building

**Students**

- Peer education
- Peer support
- Academic support
- School climate
- Leadership development
- Community
- Job shadowing, service learning
- Crisis interventions
- Referrals
- Parenting classes
- Support groups
- Career education



## **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, 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 and challenges facing today's students. Professional association membership enhances the school counselor's knowledge and effectiveness.



**For further information contact  
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## **THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S ROLE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**FREDERICK COUNTY  
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