

Baileywick Elementary School

Guidance Program

The mission of the WCPSS counselor is to provide a comprehensive continuum of support services that positively impacts the personal, academic and career development of the whole children within the school, family and community.

Our comprehensive school counseling program:

- Serves all students
- Includes small group counseling
- Includes classroom guidance lessons
- Individual counseling
- Works with all stakeholders: parents, teachers and community

A school counselor is an *educator* who:

- Advocates for the student at school
- Provides individual and small group counseling
- Works with teachers and parents to provide suggestions and support for children's needs
- Provides classroom guidance for all grade levels
- Helps in identifying academic and social/emotional needs of children
- Helps children understand themselves and others
- Provides information about community resources that would benefit children
- Make referrals to outside agencies
- Provides parents with resources and information

Services Provided:



Individual Counseling: Students can be seen on an individual basis as needed. The student and counselor will work together to establish individual goals related to the student's initial concern. Parents and teachers can make referrals for individual counseling via e-mail, contacting me directly or by completing a referral form to leave in my mailbox in the teacher workroom. Students can complete an appointment form from an envelope on my door and just put under my door. A school counselor provides short term counseling and can suggest a referral to outside counseling if needed.



Small Group Counseling: Small group counseling provided a supportive environment for students to express their thoughts and feelings about a particular topic with their peers. These groups are short term and are generally comprised of 4 -7 students. Parents and teachers can refer students for a group experience about such topics as social skills, self esteem, anger management, stress management, friendship and study skills. Students can also self refer. Parental permission is required for group participation.



Classroom Guidance: Classroom guidance is provided to all classes K-5 and will focus on academic, personal/social and career development. I will work with classroom teachers to identify particular areas of need for that specific grade level/classroom.



Consultation/Teacher Resources: The counselor is available to consult with parents, faculty, and other school staff and community agencies in order to best meet the individual needs of all students. Parent consultations can focus upon concerns at school or home, parenting strategies, or developmental concerns. Teacher consultations can cover behavioral or academic concerns and goals, classroom interventions, behavior management, personal/social needs, and academic interventions. Referral forms for teachers are provided. Staff members are welcome to stop by or make an appointment to consult about a student.



Confidentiality:

Often I will work with confidential and private issues at Baileywick Elementary. As school counselor, I must keep all information discussed with my clients confidential unless someone is hurting my client, they are hurting someone else or themselves or the client has given permission to disclose.

Baileywick Elementary School Counseling Dept. has earned the American School Counseling Associations' RAMP designation. Baileywick Elementary School is honored to be a Recognized ASCA Model Program.