

## Services Provided by an Elementary School Counselor

- Consulting with teachers, parents, administrators and others
- Listening in an effort to resolve conflicts
- Helping parents understand how to help their children
- Referring students to outside referral agencies when appropriate
- Helping students learn responsibility by becoming aware of the consequences of behavior
- *Implementing a Comprehensive School Guidance and Counseling Program through:*
  - - **Guidance Curriculum:** Structured classroom and group activities, K-5, teaching competencies through a variety of lessons and methods in three major areas of development: Personal and Social, Academic, and Career.
    - **Individual Planning:** Through education and by providing opportunities for exploration in interests, goals, and abilities, helping students form a foundation for middle school and beyond when they are developing education and career plans for the future.
    - **System Support:** Activities where the counselor manages and maintains the counseling program through program evaluation, professional development, data collection, advisory committees, and outreach to the community.
    - **Responsive Services:** Services designed to meet the immediate needs and concerns of students through counseling, consultation, or referral. This is available to all students and can be initiated by students and others personally invested in their lives. Responsive services are delivered through the following strategies:
      - Individual Counseling
      - Crisis Counseling
      - Small Group counseling
      - Consultation with parents and teachers

**Resource:** <http://www.cdc.gov/parents> -The CDC website provides a wealth of great information for parents: developmental milestones, safety in the home and community, and many other topics on raising healthy children.

Please feel free to contact me for additional resources, or if you have any questions or concerns.

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